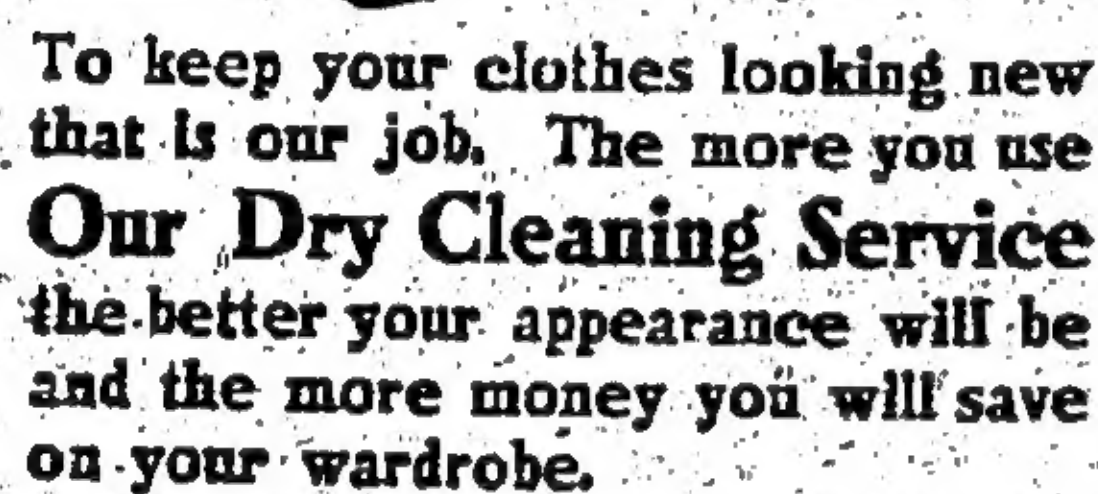


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INTOLERABLE CONDITIONS IN FUKIEN.

ALL FOREIGN MISSIONARIES LEAVING THE PROVINCE.

SOLDIERS IN OCCUPATION OF THE CHURCHES.

GREAT DEMONSTRATIONS THROUGHOUT THE INTERIOR.

GENERAL ANTI-FOREIGN FEELING WITH PARTICULAR HATRED AGAINST BRITAIN AND JAPAN.

More Roman Catholic Fathers returned from Foochow to Hong Kong by the *Haiching* yesterday. These have come from all parts of Fukien and they report that conditions generally in the Province are becoming intolerable for the foreigner.

Soldiers have been occupying the Churches and various Mission Buildings for over a month. One Father was kept a prisoner in his own room for 18 days. The districts are placarded with notices announcing that the people must not touch Chinese property but are welcome to help themselves to anything possessed by the foreigners. Meetings are constantly being held, attended by thousands of Chinese and always the doctrine preached is the same. The movement generally is an anti-Christian and an anti-foreign one, but particular hatred is directed against Great Britain and Japan. The people are told that 98 per cent. of Britain's trade is with China and that if this trade is stopped Great Britain will be ruined.

There are now only three Spanish Fathers and three Spanish sisters left in North Fukien and about eighteen in the East. There are more Protestant missionaries but those far in the interior are finding the problem of transport a most difficult one to overcome. It is stated that all would leave if they could, and the majority of those left behind are now gradually making their way to the coast, but some of them are to all intents and purposes marooned.

THE REFUGEES.

SPANISH AND AMERICAN FATHERS.

MORE LADY MISSIONARIES.

The roll of refugees from Foochow and others making their way as quickly as they can under the difficult circumstances from the interior to that port, is steadily growing. We have already recounted the arrival a fortnight ago of the first batch of 30 or so on the *Haiching* with their terrible tales of the looting and rioting at Foochow. Another eighty or so have arrived at Manila direct, as already reported. Then there was the batch of 40 refugees, mostly American ladies, who arrived on the *Haiching* last week.

Yesterday the *Haiching* arriving from Foochow brought about twenty more. These included seven fathers and two brothers belonging to the Spanish Dominican Procuration and the American Dominican Procuration. The three Spanish Mission members were Father Colon, Father A. Barlana (from Yempingfu), Brother Luciano Gutierrez (from Mingshan). The American Missionaries are the Rev. A. P. Curran and Brother James Murphy (from Kienningfu), Father J. Warnock and Father D. C. Werner (from Kienyang), Father Grace (from Chung-an) and Father J. O'Donnell (from Foochow).

In addition there were also a number of American lady Protestant missionaries, belonging to the American Methodist Episcopal Mission, which is conducted under the auspices of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the United States.

They came, some from Foochow, others were from Ming Shing and some from Futsing. They were met on arrival by Dr. C. G. Trimble, and taken to Miller House. There they are putting up until to-day, when they will embark on the s.s. *President Harrison* for Manila. The liner sails to-morrow morning. They reported on their arrival that they had not been molested in any way, nor were their particular missions or houses occupied by troops, but in consequence of the order of the American Consul-General, and in view of the growing tension in and around Foochow they were forced to leave. They stated that there are many Protestant missionaries still in the interior, who are believed to be making for the coast as quickly as they can. Their main difficulty is transport. Boats are hard to secure and sampan owners have to be bribed and to convey foreigners under cover of darkness down river.

Dr. Trimble who met the party on arrival here, is himself one of a party of American refugees who arrived last week. He is leaving for the States on the *President Jackson* before long.

The names of these ladies are:—The Misses Jones (2), Miss Reich, Miss Witham, Miss Bartlett, Miss Wilcox, Miss Stauble, Miss McHutchon, and Dr. R. Heningway, was also in the party.

A COLONEL'S "REPUTATION."

HOW THE FATHERS ESCAPED.

Below will be found interviews with several of the Fathers who arrived here on the *Haiching*, dealing with their experiences in the interior of Fukien when the Missions were occupied by soldiers of the Southern Troops. The story of their escapes from different up-country stations to Foochow is also interesting.

Though not actually molested they had been continually threatened as to what would happen if they remained at the missions. Yet nothing was done by the soldiers to help them get away. The main difficulty was to obtain boats to take them down to Foochow where they hoped to get a steamer. At Kienyang, for instance, the Fathers appealed to the Colonel in charge of the troops to let them have one of the boats which he had not commandeered. Their request was refused, the Colonel replying "that he would not endanger his reputation by helping a foreigner to get out of the district."

Boats Secretly Engaged.

As a last resource boats were secretly engaged and at the dead of night the Fathers were smuggled on board by the aid of a few faithful friends. The utmost secrecy had to be employed, and the greatest difficulty was experienced in getting a boat to take them. In one case the Fathers were hidden on a sampan for a considerable time, before it could get away. Eventually, after much manoeuvring the escapes were successfully effected.

Under Cover of Darkness.

For some days the Fathers were not allowed access to such personal effects as clothing and razors of which the soldiers had made free use.

However, although the Fathers were forced to flee in Chinese clothes, they did manage to smuggle a few blankets with them, and a few necessities which they could easily conceal on their persons.

It was not until they arrived in Foochow that they were able to obtain European clothing. From Foochow they embarked on the *Haiching* for Hong Kong, and arrived here without further trouble.

A *Daily Press* representative was informed that there are still three Spanish Fathers, and three Spanish Sisters, and two Brothers in the North-Eastern part of the province. There are also many German and other Protestant missionaries still in the interior, but no news has reached the Fathers of any harm coming to them, and they are making their way to Foochow as soon as they can get away.

NO FOREIGN PROPERTY SAFE.

KIENNINGFU MISSION DESOLATED BY SOLDIERS.

Father Curran, who left Kienningfu, one of the largest cities in Fukien, in company with Brother James Murphy, had a distressing tale to relate to a *Daily Press* representative. While they were not actually molested the property of the mission was confiscated, their personal property was hardly their own, and nearly all had to be left behind. Considerable damage was done to Mission property by the soldiery.

Father Curran related how the Second Army under the command of General Tai entered Kienningfu on December 6th, driving the Northerners out, and taking 4,000 prisoners. On December 7th, he and his troops occupied all foreign premises, irrespective of whether they were of a religious or business nature. The fact that the buildings belonged to foreigners was quite sufficient excuse for the soldiers to occupy them.

On the same day the American Dominican Procuration Mission was taken over and occupied by about 300 soldiers. They took the whole of the house, with the exception of the first floor, which they allowed the Fathers to use.

"They made use of everything they could lay hands on," said Father Curran, "even to using our toilettes and baths. They carried the furniture out of the house for their own use. If protest was made it was ignored."

"They occupied the new school, destroying all the plaster, and the flooring by lighting charcoal fires. They took the cooking utensils, and burned up a considerable quantity of timber, which was to be used for building a new house, in connection with the Mission."

"When we asked for redress, we were told that they were there to protect us against the Northerners in case they should return."

"These soldiers remained for 38 days, that is until about January 11th. We had one day's respite. The troops left us at three o'clock in the afternoon, and next morning at 10.30 about 300 men from the 3rd Division of the 14th Army arrived and quartered themselves on us. It was admitted that this Army Corps was mainly composed of farmers and robbers conscripted in Kwangsi."

"These soldiers completed the destruction of the Mission compound and we were forced to gather what things we could into one room, lock the door and stop there by ourselves. We had no assurance whatever that even our personal property would be protected."

Anti-Christian Demonstrations.

Father Curran also spoke to our representative of the bitter anti-Christian feeling throughout the interior of Fukien. Anti-Christian and anti-foreign demonstrations, he said, were held almost daily. Huge crowds, numbering thousands, assembled and the ignorant eagerly absorbed the bitter tirades against Christians and foreigners generally, and especially against the British and the Japanese.

MOB INVITED TO LOOT AT KIENYANG.

Speaking of Kienyang, Father Warnock, related how a detachment from the 8th Division of the 2nd Army came through from Kienningfu to Kienyang on December 17th. Two days previously one commandant occupied the place for a day, but there no damage was done to property. When the fresh troops arrived and took over, the conditions changed. They molested the domestic servants, and threatened bodily violence to all Chinese who assisted the foreigners. They demanded the keys of all the upstairs rooms. They put up a sign on the front gate stating that the territory was Chinese, but that property belonging to the foreigners could be taken at will. They invited the public to come in and loot the Mission which they did. Clothing, and personal effects all received scant mercy from the looters, among whom were a number of Nationalist soldiers.

Father Warnock was away from the Mission at the time. The soldiers occupied chapel, school and in fact all foreign property. Up to the time that Father Warnock left the district to seek refuge, horses and mules were stabled in the new school. The property was smaller here than at Kienningfu, but the damage done was as complete.

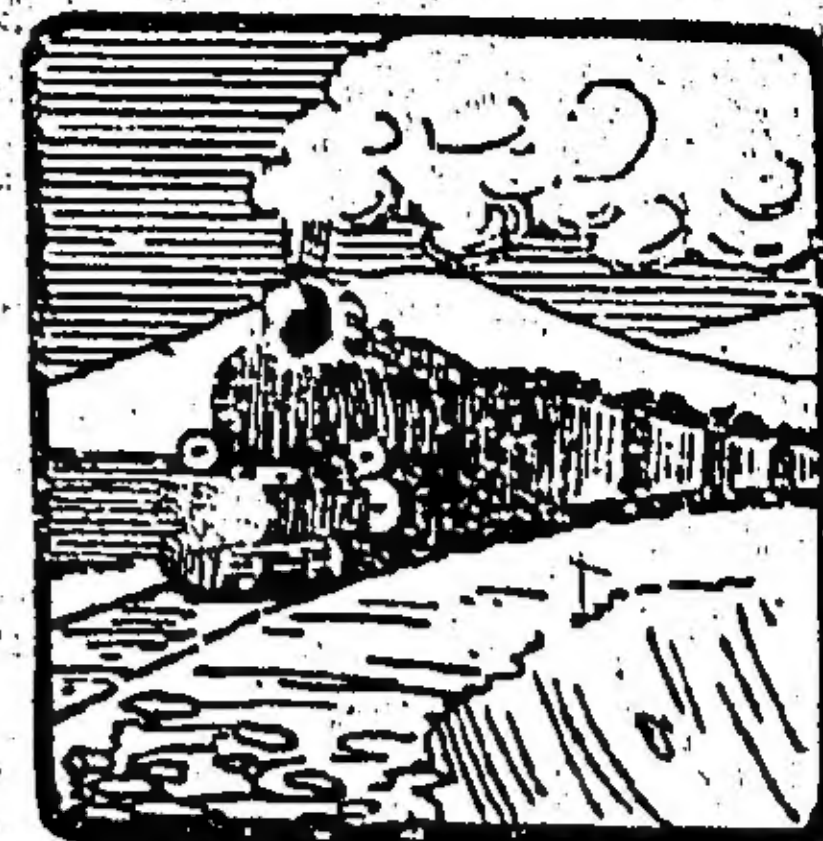
48 Days Prisoner.

"For 48 days," said the Father, "I was practically a prisoner in my own room. I had no freedom. Although supposed to be free, I dare not go downstairs. The domestics were several times molested, although I was not personally."

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CHUNGAN MISSION MOLESTED.

Father Grace, from Chung-an, had an interesting story to relate of a similar nature. Chung-an is about 285 miles from Foochow, and is on the border of Fukien and two other provinces.

Early in January the soldiers arrived. They entered the Mission compound. The school was under construction at the time, so they left it alone. They made preparations to take over the new chapel, and had started to move in, when someone in authority came and ordered them out. They were not there more than fifteen minutes.

Another Father, speaking to the *Daily Press* reporter, referred to the "bitter expressed toward the Christians," and said that he saw one soldier knock the vessels off the altar, and generally desecrate the chapel, although, fortunately, none of the vessels were broken.

Vestments Taken for Saddle Blankets.

Speaking of Kienyang, the Father related how the soldiers looted the chapel and Church. They violated the sanctuaries, took the sacred vestments and made sandals and saddle blankets with them.

AT YEMPINGFU.

FATHERS TURNED OUT UNDER THREATS OF DEATH.

Father Barlana, from Yempingfu, told our representative that soldiers were in occupation of and on for about three months. They were in and out of the house and school all the time. A great amount of wood collected for building a new house was burned.

"At last," said Father Barlana, "the soldiers told us that if we did not get out we would be killed on the morrow."

After Thirty Years.

"Father Colon," continued our informant, "had not been away from this Mission at Yempingfu for over thirty years. It is the first time he has seen anything of European life during that period. When he passed through Hong Kong on his way to the interior over thirty years ago, he did not stop there."

CONDITIONS AT FOOCHOW.

JAPANESE GOODS BURNED.

A *Daily Press* representative inquired from the Fathers about the present position at Foochow.

It was learned that things are generally quiet there now, although there are spasmodic outbreaks.

One Father stated that although he did not actually see it done, he had been told that there had been one or two demonstrations by students against Great Britain principally, and foreigners in general.

Also, said the Father, Japanese goods in Chinese shops were seized and publicly burned.

The religious institutions at Foochow have not been damaged or interfered with to any extent since

the rioting of the students and mob two weeks or so ago. Father O'Donnell, one of the party who arrived on the *Haiching* yesterday had remained behind to look after, as well as he could, the American Mission property. He waited at Foochow for other Fathers to come down country, before he left for Hong Kong.

There are only three religious institutions still occupied at Foochow. These are the Orphanage, the residence of the Vicar Provincial, and the College of St. Dominic. The Bishop's house is not occupied, although soldiers are quartered in houses next door, which belong to the Bishop, and they are evidently there to keep an eye on his movements.

The students who occupy the College eat in it, smoke in it, light fires in it, sleep there, and are making it like a pigsty. Demonstrations are held daily, but they are milder than they were in view of 38 executions of persons alleged to have taken part in the recent looting. Troops are stationed at various points. Nantai is protected from interference from the students or mob, and orders have been given that untoward demonstration or looting from foreigners' houses will result in death sentences to participants or other severe punishment.

MISSIONARIES FROM UP-COUNTRY.

BISHOP HOLDEN IN HONG KONG.

A number of missionaries have made their way to Hong Kong during the past week end. Wuchow. They are remaining here until further instructions are received.

Among the arrivals is the Rev. John Holden, the Bishop in charge of an extensive area in South China namely the Anglican diocese of Kwangsi and Hunan provinces. Although missionaries have left the interior by way of Hankow and Shanghai, this is the first time a British party has made its way here by way of the upper West River.

The following are staying in the Colony, the majority as guests of the Rt. Rev. C. R. Duppuy (Bishop of Victoria):

From Yungchow in Hunan province, headquarters of the diocese:—The Rt. Rev. and Mrs. John Holden, Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Ibbetson, Miss E. Conche, Miss S. E. Law, Miss B. K. L. Tobin.

From Kweilin in Kwangsi province:—Rev. W. B. Canall, Miss M. C. Macoun, Miss E. M. Priest, Dr. Lily G. Thiff and Miss R. E. L. Watkins, who sailed for Australia by the *Aralura*.

From Taohow in Hunan province:—Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Wilson and three children, Miss Grace Sauter.

Bishop Holden has been in country for over twenty years. He can read and write Chinese and speaks both Cantonese and the southern Mandarin dialect used in his diocese.

CANTON MILITARY HEADQUARTERS.**NEW ORGANISATION FOR LOCAL AFFAIRS.****THE PIRACY PROBLEM.****SUSPENSION OF SAILINGS AGAIN THREATENED.**

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

General Li Tsai Hain, Officer Commanding the Troops of Kwangtung, expects to open headquarters on February 1st to deal exclusively with local military affairs under a separate staff. Hitherto, both local and national army affairs have been transacted at the General Headquarters of the Kuomintang Army.

Brigandage and piracy continue to be a great problem for the Canton Administration which still has to bear a burden of six or seven million dollars monthly to support the Northern expedition. It was decided some months ago to organize four divisions of local troops for the purpose of suppressing outlaws throughout the Province, but the Kuomintang Minister of Finance, who is supervising the local income, has diverted the Canton revenue to purposes foreign to Cantonese interests, and there is very little, if any, money for local defence. Without an adequate army to fight the outlaws in the interior, the Administration is helpless. It is levying a tax on all boats on Canton waters and it is expected that a considerable sum will be raised in this way. But in the meantime, the pirates are as active as ever, and many tow-boats and other shipping masters are threatening to suspend sailings altogether, unless the Administration do something to prevent the outrages. Moreover, shop owners are likely to oppose further taxation. They complain that they are carrying enough burdens.

Canton merchants are not to be deprived altogether of their privileges. They hold that they should not be denied their right to engage new or to dismiss old *fohis* or shop assistants on the second day of the first moon; according to the Chinese calendar, and this contention has been supported by the Administration who, it is understood, will defend the merchants, in case *fohis* refuse to leave their employment when requested to do so on the customary day for appointments or dismissals. The labour unions state that no *fohi* should be discharged without cause, unless the employer gives eight months' wages and board as compensation.

Since the loss of control over its postmen who may work or not at will, the Chinese Post Office at Canton is being put into a very embarrassing position. The frequent absence of postmen from duty in order to join the almost daily demonstrations of one kind or another is causing considerable delay in the local delivery service. In the Toyshan Post Office, the postmen have gone as far as to take the censorship into their own hands, and they have decided not to deliver papers or mail matter commenting unfavourably on the postal service.

To the 450 or more labour unions in Canton has just been added another—that of Stage Hands. The stage hands, although few in number, hold an important position in the theatres.

Southern Chinese, who form the majority of the overseas Chinese population in the Philippines, are greatly concerned over the abolition of the Chinese Department in the University of the Philippines. Chinese in Canton are urging their fellow countrymen in the Philippines to see that the study of Chinese history and literature in that University is preserved. It is understood that the abolition of the study of Chinese has been caused more by economic than any other reasons. Should this be the case, the Chinese Department at that University, it is said, should be endowed by the Chinese in the Philippines.

CONDITIONS IN HANKOW.**STATEMENT FROM CANTON.****REUTER'S REPORT CHARACTERISED AS ABSURD.****"A CONTEMPTIBLE LIE."**

The following message has been received through Reuter's from the Canton Information Bureau:—

CANTON, Jan. 29th.
Reuter's report from Peking that conditions in Hankow are so serious that a thousand American and British evacuated is looked upon in Hankow as so absurd as hardly to merit correction.

But the continued alarmist reports from Reuter's office at Peking concerning Hankow led the spokesman of the Nationalist Government to state on January 26th that it appears that the Bureau of the British news agency is being used as a broadcasting office for anti-Nationalist propaganda.

The best proof of the conditions at Hankow is the resumption of British business houses and banks on Monday.

Conditions at Hankow are practically normal. The London *Daily Telegraph's* statement that the diplomatic correspondence of the British Authorities in China has been tampered with in Hankow is characterised by the spokesman as a "contemptible lie."—Canton Information Bureau.

ELLIS KADOORIE SCHOOL.**ANNUAL PRIZE DAY.****AWARDS DISTRIBUTED BY MR. A. E. WOOD.**

The annual prize day of the Ellis Kadoorie School was held in the school hall on Saturday morning, and the awards gained by the pupils during the year were presented by Mr. A. E. Wood (Director of Education).

A programme consisting of dialogues and an exhibition of physical drill, were ably carried out by the pupils.

The Headmaster, Mr. F. J. de Rome read the annual report of the school, mentioning the good progress made in all departments, and that the health of the students during the year had been excellent. Sports were keenly supported by all the classes, and discipline had been exceptionally good.

The Director of Education, before distributing the awards, congratulated the staff and the boys on the results shown, and said that he was always pleased to visit the school, as it always appealed to him as a large and happy family.

Prizes and Scholarships.

The following are the awards:—
Lau Chu Pak Scholarship:—Li Chung Hoo (2nd Instalment).
Tai Yau Scholarship:—Ip Chiu Soen (2nd Instalment).

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Tai Yau Scholarship:—Lui Hok Hoi (1st Instalment).

Lau Chu Pak Scholarship:—Poon Ming Cho (1st Instalment).

Ho Kam Tong Scholarship (Senior):—Chan Chiu.

Chan Kai Ming Scholarship (Senior):—Fok Po Keung.

Mrs. Lau Chu Pak Scholarship (Senior):—Wu Ki Lim.

Ho Kam Tong Scholarship (Junior):—Wong King Wai.

Ho Kam Tong Scholarship (for Class 6):—Pang Yuk Chuen.

Chan Kai Ming Scholarship (Junior):—Lau Tin Chack.

Mrs. Lau Chu Pak Scholarship (Junior):—Chiu Fat.

GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS.

Class 5 to Class 4:—Chau Nai Chung.

Class 6 to Class 5:—Chu Koon Ip.

Class 7 to Class 6:—Mak Cheuk Hon.

Class 8 to Class 7:—Yee King Chuen.

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MISS H. M. GORDON'S ART EXHIBITION.

The exhibition of paintings by Miss H. M. Gordon, the well-known artist at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant yesterday will close tonight.

Miss Gordon specialises in Eastern scenes and her pictures are mostly impressions of Oriental countries and peoples. These are delightfully portrayed in water colours.

PROPAGANDA IN SWATOW.**TOWN PLACARDED WITH FOUL LIES.****FAKED PHOTOGRAPHS OF MURDERED CHILDREN.****ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE MISSIONARIES.**

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Swatow, January 27th.
In Memorandum No. 13 published by the Tientsin British Committee of Information there appears the following comment on the Chinese Press in Swatow:—

"The Chinese press in Swatow is unexpressibly vile and combines unique incompetence with a passionate zeal for lying and distortion."

Since these words were written in August last year practically all the local Chinese newspapers have been compelled to close down owing to a long drawn out strike of printers and typesetters.

Of the one or two remaining dailies the *Kuo Min Pao*, being the official subsidised organ of the local department of the Nationalist Government, is the chief and most influential—and the most widely read. It is, therefore, most important, in view of this journal's official connection, that careful note should be taken of the matter which it presents to the public and the way in which that matter is presented.

In its issue of January 26th the *Kuo Min Pao* devotes several columns, both news and editorial, to a relation of recent events in Foochow which led to the exodus of nearly all the foreign missionaries. There is no distortion in the narrative given by the *Kuo Min Pao*, no such exaggeration as was found by the authors of Memorandum No. 13. There is nothing at all in the narrative except a long succession of the foulest lies, lies that are deliberately provocative, lies that are carefully calculated to touch off the spark of inter-racial hatred. Of such is the official *Kuo Min Pao*, the spokesman of the Kuomintang in Swatow. But your readers shall judge for themselves.

Under the heading "Foreign Missionary Outrages in Foochow" the paper writes:—

"A deputation of our fellow countrymen has just arrived from Foochow with details of yet another, the most recent, outrage on our race by foreign barbarians. This time it is the foreign missionaries, the Roman Catholics of the French and Spanish Missions."

"Some of our student fellow workers in Foochow happened to be walking near the Roman Catholic Mission when they met a man with a sack over his shoulder coming out of the Mission gate. By good fortune the students suspected this man and made him surrender the sack for examination. To their horror and consternation they found it contained the cut-up remains of Chinese babies."

"The students then took the man into custody and, after interrogation, he confessed that it was an occupant of the Mission who had followed daily, all his life. It was his regular employment."

"Enraged by this discovery the students determined to carry out an investigation of the Mission premises."

"Chief amongst many other horrors in the Mission which came to light in the course of the students' visit was a room which emitted an abominable stench. When the door was opened the room was still dark. Lights were brought and it was seen that the room was packed to the ceiling with the decomposing bodies, some cut up into pieces, of innumerable Chinese babies. All the missionaries (Mok Su is used, rarely applied to Roman Catholics) in Foochow when they knew they were found out, took to flight and have escaped."

In the course of editorial comment on these extraordinary atrocities it is observed that "These bloody outrages must be avenged."

We on our part might observe that these lies must be refuted. To complete this highly imaginative ghastly picture the local authorities allowed the walls and streets of Swatow to be plastered with yesterday's edition of the *Kuo Min Pao* together with a series of about fifty faked photographs of the mangled remains of Chinese infants.

This morning another newspaper improves on the ghastly licence of its official contemporary and accuses the French and Spanish missionaries of anthropophagous habits and declares that they boiled the infants alive that they might be the more tender and toothsome.

This hellish accusation is also placarded all over Swatow, side by side with Eugene Chen's latest warning that foreigners and their property have not to be molested.

So far there has been no disorder as a result of this deliberate provocation to violence but that is not the fault of the Kuomintang. They have tried hard enough.

CRUELTY OF THE MOB.**INOFFENSIVE COOLIES BEATEN.****RECENT INCIDENT IN SWATOW.****ACCOUNT BY AN EYE WITNESS.**

A British resident in Swatow, writing on January 27th to a friend in Hong Kong, encloses the following account of the manner in which gangs of ruffians are allowed to get out of hand and wreak their vengeance upon their helpless and inoffensive fellow countrymen. He says:—

"At 10.30 this morning while I was writing the enclosed letter to you about twenty coolies, each armed with a pole, led by one carrying a big stone, rushed into a shop opposite to my office and mercilessly belaboured a coolie in the shop with their poles, and rushed out again to go to another shop to repeat the process."

"The men who are the object of their brutality are perfectly innocent creatures who have only failed to carry out some unreasonable order of the union to which they belong. What causes the blood of a foreigner, who is unfortunate enough to be an eye-witness of such a scene, to boil is not so much that a gang of miserable and ignorant ruffians should get out of hand, but that such scenes could take place in a so-called civilized country in the centre of a busy city in broad daylight without a finger being stirred in defence of the poor creatures. There were plenty of people about when this took place in the opposite shop, but they all kept out of the way only to appear again after the brutes had gone to look callously on the half-dead victim when he was removed to hospital by the proprietor of the shop."

"I went out to the crowd and told them that those who committed this crime were dogs and swine and rats and that when they tolerated such a thing they were no better than these criminals and deserved the same treatment which had been meted out to the poor fellow, and what did they do—they simply smiled!"

"Where are the police, in the meantime? They are on duty as usual, but they have no orders to interfere with what they class as 'a labour dispute.'"

"I hear another rush in the street. It is now three quarters of an hour after the murderous attack in the opposite shop. Let me investigate."

"The ruffians are rushing back quicker than when they came and are dropping their poles. They have probably met with some resistance somewhere. This clearly shows that these cowards could be checked if only the people had the guts to stand up against them."

"I sympathize in a way with the aspirations of the more intelligent Chinese to assert themselves and claim equality for China among other civilized nations, but the methods they have adopted to attain their ends are such that they can only bring dishonour to their own country. The lawlessness which the leaders are encouraging is not only a crime against their own countrymen, but a crime against humanity. It has gone so far that, in my opinion, there is only one cure for it, and that is: physical force applied from without."

"As this incident is of public interest, I intend sending a copy of this letter to the Hong Kong papers.—Yours sincerely, M.A."

ABUSIVE RICKSHA COOLIES.**FINED FOR DEMANDING MORE THAN LEGAL FARE.**

Mr. Li Chor-Chi, of the Ho Hong Bank, presented to the ricksha coolies before Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Central Magistracy on Saturday morning, for demanding more than the legal fare, and also for abusing passengers.

Mr. Li said that at 3 p.m. on Friday he engaged four rickshas for himself and some tourist friends, at the Upper Peak tram station, and they went for a circular ride *via* Harlech Road.

The coolies started to pester his friends for "cunshaw" despite the fact that each coolie had been paid twenty cents, which amounted to forty cents for each ricksha. Complainant remonstrated and they replied that forty cents was not enough.

Just as complainant was sitting down in a Pak tram, the two coolies approached and started to swear at him, and they were supported by about fifteen other coolies. One remark was:—"You think you are very important taking foreigners round."

Both defendants said the complainant struck them, and No. 1 called a witness who corroborated. An Indian constable said he saw no blows struck.

Both defendants were fined \$5.

LOCAL PRECAUTIONS.**EMERGENCY REGULATIONS PASSED.****POWERS GIVEN TO POLICE.****FOR PREVENTION OF STRIKE OR SPREAD OF SEDITION.**

Emergency regulations made by the Governor-in-Council on Thursday, under the Emergency Regulations Ordinance, of 1922, are published in the *Government Gazette*. These regulations empower the police to disperse processions and crowds, and the regulations also provide measures for the prevention of strikes and disorders, or of the spread of sedition.

Processions and Assemblies.

The regulations dealing with processions and assemblies are as under:—

1. It shall be lawful for any police officer to stop, divert, divide or disperse any procession whatsoever, or any part thereof, or to divide or disperse any crowd or assembly whatsoever, or any part thereof.

2. Every person taking part in any procession, crowd or assembly, shall disperse when called upon by any police officer to do so.

It is explained that under Section 3 of the Emergency Regulations Ordinance, 1922, as amended by Ordinance No. 10 of 1925, every person who contravenes any regulation made under that Ordinance (No. 3 of 1925) shall, where no other penalty or punishment is provided by such regulation, upon summary conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding \$1,000, and to imprisonment for any term not exceeding one year.

Prevention of Disorder.

The regulations for the prevention of disorder are as follows:—

1. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, in these regulations or by subsequent order, to prescribe within the Colony, for the purposes of these regulations, any organization whatsoever, whether such organization be within or without the Colony, which in the opinion of the Governor in Council is an organization which has among its aims, or is being used for, the promotion of a general strike, or of disorder of any kind, or of the spread of sedition, within the Colony.

2. No person shall do any act in furtherance of the objects of any such proscribed organization.

3. No person shall without lawful authority or excuse have in his possession any badge, ticket or document, or any other thing whatsoever, which purports to have been, issued by any such proscribed organization, whether before or after such proscription, or which purports to be, or which appears to be, or which appears to be intended as evidence of membership of, or any authority from, or any association with, any such proscribed organization.

4. No person shall do any act in furtherance of the promotion of a general strike, or of disorder of any kind, or of the spread of sedition, within the Colony.

5. No person shall utter any newspaper, book or other document containing any matter which is seditious matter as defined in the Seditious Publications Ordinance, 1914, and no person shall say anything which if reduced to writing would be seditious matter as so defined.

VICAR OF ST. ANDREW'S LEAVING.**REV. G. R. LINDSAY GOES HOME IN APRIL.**

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, will suffer a severe loss at the end of April when the Rev. G. R. Lindsay, Vicar, leaves for home. The Rev. G. R. Lindsay, who has been Vicar of this Church for the past seven years, has announced that owing to "circumstances which have arisen in England, and over which he has no control, he will be unable to return to this Colony at the end of his furlough."

In *St. Andrew's Monthly Messenger*, the Vicar speaks with high appreciation of the assistance he has received during his work here.

CHINESE NEW YEAR POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The following are the postal arrangements made in connection with Chinese New Year holidays:—

On Wednesday, February 2nd, the General Post Office and Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed, and on Thursday, February 3rd, they will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On Thursday, February 3rd, there will be one collection from the pillar-boxes, and one delivery of ordinary correspondence as on Sundays, and also one delivery of registered correspondence from the General Post Office at 9 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

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UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Office of the Society, Union Buildings, Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, 1927, at 12 o'clock, Noon, when the Subjoined Resolution will be proposed:—

(1)—That in Article 65 in line 2 thereof the words "and place" be deleted and that at the end of such Article, the following words be added "All meetings of the Society shall be held in Hong Kong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine."

(2)—That in Article 69 in the first line thereof between the word "Society" and the word "shall" the following words shall be inserted "from which the business of the Society shall be managed, conducted and controlled."

(3)—That between Articles 108 and 109, the following new Article be inserted:—

"Place of Meetings."—All meetings of Directors shall be held in Hong Kong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine."

(4)—That in Article 123 (b) in the third and fourth lines thereof the words "both in Hong Kong and" be deleted and in Article 123 (d) in the fourth line thereof between the word "purposes" and the word "and" the following words be inserted "outside the Colony of Hong Kong."

Should the above mentioned Resolution be passed by the requisite majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a further Extraordinary General Meeting, and such Meeting will be held on Friday, the 4th day of March, 1927, at the same time and place, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming such Resolution as a Special Resolution accordingly.

Dated this 31st day of January, 1927.
By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Union Buildings, Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, 1927, at 12.15 p.m., when the Subjoined Resolution will be proposed:—

(1)—That in Article 65 in line 2 thereof the words "and place" be deleted and that at the end of such Article, the following words be added "All meetings of the Company shall be held in Hong Kong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine."

(2)—That Article 80 be deleted and in lieu thereof the following "Article be substituted:—

"Votes of Members."—On a show of hands every member present shall have one vote, and upon a poll every member present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for every share held by him. No member not personally present shall be entitled to vote on a show of hands, unless such member is a corporation present by a proxy or a company present by a representative duly authorized by Section 69 of Ordinance No. 58 of 1911, in which case such proxy or representative may vote on the show of hands as if he were a member of the company."

(3)—That in Article 89 in the first line thereof between the word "company" and the word "shall" the following words shall be inserted "from which the business of the company shall be managed, conducted and controlled."

(4)—That between Articles 108 and 109, the following new Article be inserted:—

"Place of Meetings."—All meetings of Directors shall be held in Hong Kong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine."

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By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

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(1)—That in Article 65 in line 2 thereof the words "and place" be deleted and that at the end of such Article, the following words be added "All meetings of the Company shall be held in Hong Kong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine."

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Dated this 31st day of January, 1927.
By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.

HONG KONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

FIFTH TOURNAMENT OF THE SEASON.

SATURDAY, 5th FEBRUARY, at 9.15 P.M. AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.

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Hong Kong, January 16th, 1927. [441]

INTIMATIONS.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN Accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1918, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the TRANSACTION of PUBLIC BUSINESS on WEDNESDAY, and THURSDAY, the 2nd and 3rd FEBRUARY, 1927.
Hong Kong, 27th January, 1927. [4487]

HONG KONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above Society will be held on TUESDAY, 8th FEBRUARY, 1927, at 8.15 p.m., in the Board Room of Messrs. JARDINE, MATTHEWS & CO., LTD., All Ladies and Gentlemen interested in Horticulture, whether Members of the Society or not, are Cordially Invited to Attend.

AGENDA:—
To receive and pass the Committee's Report and Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1926.
To elect Officers and a New Committee for the Current Year.

To fix the Date of the ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW, which the Outgoing Committee recommend should be held on THURSDAY, 10th MARCH, 1927.
To discuss any matter of interest to Horticulturists in Hong Kong and outlying Districts.

E. B. C. HORNELL, Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 31st January, 1927. [4468]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 12th FEBRUARY, 1927, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 1st FEBRUARY to the 14th FEBRUARY (both days inclusive), during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.
Hong Kong, 29th January, 1927. [4490]

THE HONG KONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 44, Des Voeux Road, on TUESDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 8th FEBRUARY, to TUESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1927, both days inclusive, during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD, Secretary.
Hong Kong, 27th January, 1927. [4486]

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of Messrs. DODWELL & COMPANY, LIMITED, on MONDAY, 27th JANUARY, 1927, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 24th to 31st JANUARY, 1927, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY, LIMITED, General Managers. [4449]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

THE CERTIFICATE No. 7879 for 8 Shares, 24 Per Share Paid Up Numbered 62001/62096 and 85653/85666 in this Society standing in the Name of Mrs. MARIA WU DA SILVA, of Canton, has been declared LOST, and if at the expiration of One Month from the Date hereof the above Document be not forthcoming the said Certificate will be deemed CANCELLED and of No Effect, and a NEW CERTIFICATE for the 8 Shares will be issued in its stead by the Society.

PAUL LAUDER, General Manager.
Hong Kong, 6th January, 1927. [4492]

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Sleep when he wakes? And creep into the jannetide
By being soberish?"
Merchant of Venice. Act I, Sc. 1.

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HONG KONG, JANUARY 31st, 1927.

GREAT HOPES FOR BRITISH TRADE.

It is an inspiration to learn from our London Correspondent that in spite of the disasters and follies in the domain of industry which marked the year 1926 the note on which the New Year was commenced was one of hope and high courage. The desire is expressed to turn down the stained and blackened page with its record of abortive general strike and the coal stoppage and begin another chapter in a cheerful frame of mind. Every class in the community suffered grievous hardship and immense losses as a result of the folly of the miners' leaders, and not least the unhappy men who left the pits to follow the blind guides into a morass of misery and defeat. The full loss of the coal strike in lost contracts, in unemployment, in future taxation cannot as yet be computed. The strike was, in effect, an industrial blockade, and the worst feature of it was a manifestation of callous indifference by an unscrupulous minority, both towards the sections of the community on whom they declared war, and towards the working-classes in whose special interests the campaign was ostensibly conducted.

However, out of evil good will come. The country knows itself better for the testing time imposed by the troubles that were endured last summer and autumn. It is

certainly something gained that it is realised that threats of social disruption and wild talk about Revolution are mere "sound and fury, signifying nothing." The nation is stronger to-day than ever because conscious of its strength. "We shall draw," says the Archbishop of Canterbury, in a New Year Message, "the sting of even the most saddening events of these disquieted months if we can feel that, as a people, we have learnt from them even a tithe of what they have to teach." This is sound sense and very much to the point. We are glad to learn that it is in this thoughtful mood that most people at home begin the New Year. Competent observers are of the opinion that organised Labour has been taught by bitter experience that strikes directed against the community recoil upon the instigators of the mischief, and that the working-classes as a whole are now turning their thoughts towards co-operation as a means of class amelioration.

Some of the newspapers have obtained the opinions of leading industrialists on the trade outlook. It is very gratifying to find that hopeful views are entertained regarding the future, always provided that there is peace in industry. "Give peace in our time, O Lord," is the prayer that seems to underlie everything that is said on this subject. The same note runs through all the articles that appear in the Press. There is an evident wish to create an atmosphere favourable to unity and concord. Many Labour leaders are in complete agreement that the trade outlook for Britain in the months to come is excellent. They, too, are for peace. They will help all they can to bring it to pass if only the extremists on their side can be kept under control. There is now a splendid opportunity for the sane and moderate men to assert themselves in the Trade Union movement, and it seems they are disposed to make the most of their chance. The out-worn theories of class conflict persistently preached for years were tested during the troubles of 1926 and proved disastrous to everybody. The word now most in use is co-operation, and that is a good augury for the future.

There is something essentially English in the fact that the industrial struggles of last year have left no rancour. The desire is to let the dead past bury its dead and look to the future. Thus we have colliery owners in the Midland district generously supporting a fund for miners' pensions. On the other hand, official reports tend to show that the miners are working with a will. They are earning good wages. The coal industry has, in fact, got back to realities from politics. In the iron and steel trade excellent relations exist, and have long existed, between the employers and the men. But owing to dependence on other industries, and particularly on coal, wages are low and trade is depressed. There were, however, signs of a recovery before the strike, and to-day the prospects are much more hopeful. In the cotton-trade, where also the high price of fuel has been severely felt, there is now cheaper cotton and every chance of obtaining fuel at a reasonable cost in the future. The signs and portents, therefore, are in the direction of peace, and it is heartening to know that in Britain the future is being faced, in the words of the King's message to the Lord Mayor of London, in "a spirit of mutual good-will."

The St. Andrew's Church troop of Boy Scouts are going into camp at Chinese New Year.

Money to the total value of \$1,977 was stolen on Saturday from a house in Jervois Street.

Members and subscribers of the Peak Club held a successful dance there on Saturday night.

Alterations in house numbers in Belcher's Street and Gordon Road are notified in the Gazette.

The recent Church Missionary Association Week at Kowloon, resulted in \$480 being raised.

A dinner carnival dance is to be held at the King Edward Hotel on Wednesday, commencing at 8 p.m.

The current Gazette gives the roll of midwives duly certified under the Midwives Ordinance and who are in practice in the Colony.

Messages are now accepted at the General Post Office for Kowloon under the same conditions, and at the same rates as for Canton.

The name of Mr. H. M. Muir, C.A., has been added to the list of auditors qualified for the purposes of the Companies Ordinances.

The annual Marathon race, held under the auspices of St. Andrew's Young Men's Club, has been fixed to take place on Monday, March 7th.

Lady Ho Tung and the Misses Ho Tung were among the passengers on the *Fukumi Maru* which left Hong Kong on Saturday for London via ports.

It is notified that the names of the China National Tobacco Co., Ltd., and the Nam King Restaurant, Ltd., have been struck off the Register.

Mr. A. L. Shields has been bitten by a dog owned by Ho Yung, of No. 6, Peak Road. The animal was removed to the depot at Kennedy Town.

It is advertised that the Exchange Banks will be closed to the transaction of public business on Wednesday, and Thursday, February 2nd and 3rd.

The annual ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel on Saturday, February 12th, at 11 a.m.

H.E. the Governor has granted the local rank of Captain to Lieutenant Charles Henry Steele, M.C., R.A.R.O., the Royal Irish Fusiliers, A.D.C., with effect from 13th November, 1925.

The offices of the China Coast Officers' Guild and Marine Engineer's Guild of China will be situated at 3rd Floor, Stephen's Building, 67, Des Voeux Road Central, as from February 1st.

Two Home mails arrived yesterday, both being from the United Kingdom via Negapatam. The *s.s. Hakata Maru* brought letters, dated London, December 30th, and the *s.s. Seang Bee* arrived with papers of the same date.

Miss Eva Ho Tung, on whom the degrees of bachelor of medicine and bachelor of surgery were recently conferred at the Hong Kong University Degree congregation, is notified in the Gazette as having been registered as a medical practitioner.

An attempted armed robbery took place on Saturday at No. 238, Des Voeux Road West. Three robbers had gained admittance and were opening the safe when they were surprised by an employee. The robbers fled with the *joki* in pursuit. One man has been arrested.

The annual meeting of rent holders and subscribers of St. John's Cathedral will be held this evening at 7.15 at the Cathedral Hall. The accounts for 1926 will be presented; lay members for the Church Body will be elected; and also an auditor and members for the Church Council. The abolition of pew rents will be considered.

The offices of the Supreme Court are to be open daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Saturday when they will be open from 10 a.m. to 12 noon during the Chinese New Year Vacation, except on Public and General Holidays when the offices will be entirely closed. The Chinese New Year Vacation commences on the 2nd February and terminates on the 6th February, 1927 (both days inclusive).

Two British cases (one imported) of enteric fever and one Chinese case of puerperal fever were reported on Friday.

A boatman fell into the water from a junk at Kennedy Town Friday, and was crushed to death between the junk and the seawall. The remains were removed to the Mortuary.

On the pretence of looking at a cubicle, a well-dressed Chinese gained entrance to a house in the city, and, snatching a gold watch and chain from the principal tenant, escaped.

Four men have been arrested by the police in connection with the armed robbery at Che Wo Street. Fifty dollars, worth of the property stolen has been recovered from the arrested men.

Practically all the hotels in Hong Kong and on the peninsula have arranged special carnivals, and dinner-dances for Chinese New Year Eve (to-morrow) and for Chinese New Year Day.

Prosecuted by Mr. G. Twemlow, Assistant Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department, two Chinese were each fined \$1 on Saturday for cutting Government wood at North Point, near the quarry.

The Annual Sale of Work of the Mothers' Union will be held at the Helena May Institute at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 15th. As in former years, a wide variety of useful and fancy articles will be offered for sale.

While the fire at Connaught Road was at its height on Friday morning, burglars broke into the next house and succeeding in opening a safe from which \$1,808.50 was stolen. The house was occupied by Messrs. C. Ah Ying & Co.

Stating that when he arrived from Watchow a man offered him a few dollars to take a parcel ashore, a Chinese was on Saturday charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with possession of opium. He was fined \$2,500, or eight months.

Mr. A. S. Abbott, Manager of the Hong Kong branch of Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., goes to Singapore at the end of April to take over the branch there during the absence of the local Manager, Mr. G. H. Davis, who is going home on leave. Mr. Abbott expects to return to Hong Kong in November, and during his absence, Mr. A. G. Waller, a Director of the company in Shanghai, will have charge of the Hong Kong branch.

The forthcoming weddings are announced:—Mr. Hubert Hope Hasham, electrical engineer, residing at the Kowloon Y.M.C.A., to Miss Yashida Athonovana, of the Astor House, Shanghai, Mr. Woo Yee Tak, merchant, No. 307, Des Voeux Road Central, to Miss Mabel Wong, 436, Nathan Road, Kowloon; Mr. Mingheet Jim Hang Law, of No. 8, Ashley Road, Kowloon, to Miss Irene Lucy Mary Lum, No. 335, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

Saturday, February 12th will be a Quiet Day for Clergy and Church Workers, a communion service being held at St. Andrew's at 8.15 a.m., breakfast being provided at 9 o'clock and transport being available after breakfast to the Diocesan Boys' School where the day will be spent. Morning prayer and address will be given with intercessions and another address later in the morning and also evening prayer and address. Those wishing to attend are asking to communicate with the Diocesan Chaplain, St. Paul's House.

Extraordinary general meetings of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., the British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., and the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. are to be held at Union Building, Pedder Street, on Tuesday, February 15th, at noon, 12.15 p.m., and 12.30 p.m. respectively. The purpose of these meetings is to submit resolutions which will empower the deletion of certain words from certain Articles of the Companies and substitute other words for them. These alterations are fully explained in advertisements appearing in this issue. If the resolutions are passed by the requisite majority, they will be submitted for confirmation as special resolutions at further extraordinary general meetings to be held at the same place and time on Friday, March 4th.

BRITAIN'S POLICY TOWARDS CHINA.

IMPORTANT SPEECH BY THE BRITISH SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN ON THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE.

WILLING TO MEET CHINA HALF WAY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, January 30th.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, addressing his constituents in Birmingham on Saturday, emphasised at the outset that there was no division in the Government as regards our policy in China. He declared that British policy was unchanged since his speech last year preceding the departure of the members of the Tariff Conference for Peking. He stated that our only wish was for a strong, united, independent, orderly and prosperous China, to which we would contribute all that was possible.

Ready To Meet China Half-Way.

We were ready to meet China half way, ready to relinquish special rights proportionately as the Chinese Government can assure British subjects of the enjoyment of the ordinary rights of foreigners in their country. Sir Austen said the talk about British imperialism was "a sheer nonsense." We realised, no less than the most patriotic of Chinese Nationalists, that the old treaties were out-of-date; and we had long felt the necessity for a change. He hoped it would be possible to negotiate thereupon with a China under one Central Government. He emphasised that such a government did not exist to-day. But the demand for treaty revision was so insistent, so fundamentally reasonable, that, despite the difficulties involved in the prevailing dissensions, we must try to negotiate with the contending Governments even in the midst of civil war." (Cheers.)

Principal Changes.

The principal changes the Chinese desired in the old Treaty were—Firstly, the ex-territorial position of foreigners, who were only triable in their own Courts.

Secondly, tariff provisions preventing China from raising duties on foreign goods.

Thirdly, quasi-independent status of foreign concessions. "Britain was prepared to change at all points, because the present system was antiquated, unsuited to modern conditions, and no longer provided the necessary security of protection for the peaceful avocations of our merchants."

Two days ago our representatives laid a proposal before the Chinese authorities of the North and the South, expressing readiness to recognise attendance of a British official as competent courts for cases brought by British plaintiffs and complainants.

Chinese Civil and Commercial Codes.

They would apply in the British Courts of China the existing modern Chinese Civil and Commercial Codes and duly enacted by a subordinate legislation.

We were prepared to go further still, when the Chinese Codes for Judicial Administrations are ready. As regards taxation we were prepared to make British subjects liable to pay regular Chinese taxation provided that it does not involve discrimination against British subjects' goods pointed out that this would include taxation levied under a national tariff when such Tariff Law were promulgated and, as far as we alone can effect such an object, that would remove the last obstacle to full tariff autonomy.

The Concessions.

As regards the Concessions we are prepared to enter upon local arrangements, according to particular circumstances, in each case, either for amalgamation, administration with adjacent areas, under Chinese control or other method of handing over the administration to the Chinese, while assuring British communities of some voice in municipal matters.

"We are going more than half-way, but I am certain that it is the right and wise course." We are not ignoring the present inconveniences and difficulties, but are thinking of our relations with China next century.

China's Government.

We can enforce these proposals immediately, but there can at present be no new Treaty, because a Treaty can only be signed and ratified by a recognised Government; and owing to the conditions prevailing in the civil war, we cannot recognise any Government in China as the Government of the whole country.

Sir Austen deprecated the loose unstructured talk about the recognition of Canton, and said that we cannot recognise the Government of Canton as the Government of a part of China only, for that would imply British recognition of a division of China. Equally we cannot recognise Canton as the Government of all China, for that would not accord with facts, since the Cantonese controlled barely one-third of China either in population or area. We declined to interfere with Chinese neutrality. The Chinese alone must settle what government they shall have." (Cheers.)

Sir Austen called attention to the difficulties created in dealing with the claims of the Nationalists, by the fact that they deliberately and persistently used against the British war cry to rally adherents.

Sir Austen observed that in the past century we were pioneers in China, and it was our efforts which opened China to foreign trade, as the result of the so-called "Opium War."

The Anti-British Cry.

Sir Austen Chamberlain pointed out: "We are the principal architects of the treaty system under which it was made possible that merchants belonging to one civilisation can trade with another civilisation profoundly different. We are regarded as the principal upholders of this system. In recent years, when it was becoming obvious that the system itself was growing antiquated and alien influences did not hesitate to preach to the Chinese that we were more responsible for the dissension than any other nation and for all the ills from which the Chinese suffer. This anti-British cry had been taken up by the powerful Nationalist party. It is undoubtedly a most dangerous factor in our relations with China. At present it remains to be seen whether the Government which claims to represent the Chinese Nationalist Party is willing or able to control the mob element in so far as its activities affect our relations with the Chinese people."

Sir Austen recalled that 1925 provided the anti-British propagandists with the kind of material they required in the example of Shanghai police, over which Britain had no control. The police were forced to fire in consequence of mob violence. The incident was represented as an act of British aggression. Similarly, at the Anglo-French concession of Canton troops fired in self-defence and only a part of the force was British.

Sir Austen said that the most friendly attitude of Britain toward China, revealed at Washington and elsewhere, was brushed aside.

Sir Austen referred to the boycott, which had continued at Canton long after it had ceased in the North.

The anti-British agitation had spread to Central China when the Cantonese extended their authority there and had culminated at Hankow following an inflammatory speech by Borodin "their chief Russian adviser." Others had paid a tribute to the restraint of the British marines in the face of provocation, and declared that doubtless the mob violence was designed to provoke British fire on unarmed Chinese and lead to an incident to arouse all China and feed the flames of anti-British feeling.

A Calumny.

Even a respectable body, like the press at Peking University, had lent their name to the calumny that the marines had killed Chinese during that riot. "That was untrue and the Nationalist Government itself knows it is untrue." The seizure of the British Concession, the outrageous and unjustifiable attack of long-established rights of a peaceful British community—(cheers)—made it clear that there was no guarantee for the safety of British lives in Chinese cities under the authority of the Nationalist Government in the present revolutionary state of affairs.

The Shanghai Defensive Forces.

Sir Austen Chamberlain hoped and believed that the threat of bloodshed and massacre did not hang over Shanghai; but it would be a dereliction of duty, after what had happened at Hankow to leave Shanghai unprotected. (Cheers.) We must have a force sufficient to protect them if danger arises, and if such a force is sent at all it must be equal to all calls that might be made upon it. The composition of the force itself is a guarantee. It is only intended strictly for defence purposes and Sir Austen hoped that the occasion for its use would not arise. (Cheers.) We have no intention to

EX-LABOUR PREMIER'S VIEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, January 30th.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, addressing a meeting at Daventry, recently the Conservative newspaper "Misrepresentation" of the Labour Party's policy with regard to China. He declared that it was our simple task to get Chinese nationality recognised and extricate ourselves from the present position without intervention of mobs or arms. Mr. MacDonald apostrophised Mr. Eugene Chen thus: "Your Nationalist demands have our complete support, but if you cannot control mobs no effort of ours can prevent trouble or keep your Nationalist demands in the foreground. Therefore, negotiate unceasingly." To the British Government Mr. MacDonald would say: "Face the facts, treat China as you do Japan and get out of the entanglement or imposed treaties. Your Christmas Memorandum was good, your declaration of January 23rd excellent."

WHAT MR. LLOYD GEORGE THINKS.

LONDON, January 30th.

Mr. Lloyd George, speaking at Birmingham, stated that Sir Austen Chamberlain had shown real courage, moderation and considerable wisdom on the general lines pursued towards China. The only solution of the problem was a wise and prompt concession to legitimate Chinese demands. The Government should protect British lives as far as humanly possible, but should not be led into expeditions into the interior.

MORE MILITARY MOVEMENTS.

LONDON, January 30th.

Two batteries of mechanised artillery have been ordered to stand by in case they should be wanted to supplement the pack artillery going to China. The Twenty-First Battery of the Fourth Pack Brigade, which is the principal arm of the artillery with the Shanghai Defence Force has gone from Norwich to the Albert Dock, where they are embarking on the s.s. *Hermes*. It is expected that the fifteenth and twentieth batteries will leave Norwich next week. A sergeant and two sappers, as the advance guard of the army postal service, are travelling with the Coldstream Guards. This is the first time an Army Post Office has gone farther than South Africa.

hold Shanghai if we can obtain satisfactory assurances that incidents such as happened at Hankow will not be repeated there. Therefore, our military movements, which fill the papers and provide pictures for the picture page, are a pure precaution. The Government will not be deflected from the policy of patient conciliation nor will their efforts to reach satisfactory agreements with the Chinese authorities slacken or cease.

Welcomed Mr. Chen's Desire.

Sir Austen Chamberlain heartily welcomed and reciprocated Mr. Eugene Chen's desire for a settlement by treaty of economic questions on the basis of economic equality and mutual respect for each other's political and territorial sovereignty, and he was considerably reassured from contending Mr. Chen's account of what past history related.

"China for the Chinese" was a reasonable cry. We had nothing to say against it. (Cheers.) But "kill the British," "drive out the British," are ravings of mad hatred. It is not thus you can deal with this country or the British Empire. (Loud cheers.)

We are ready to assist Mr. Chen or any other Chinese authorities, who, on their side, are ready to show a disposition to deal in a statesmanlike conciliatory way with the serious difficulties arising from a revolutionary period of development and change. We have none but the friendliest feelings towards all Chinese, who are prepared to meet us in a similar spirit.

"Bound To Protect Our Nationals."

Sir Austen Chamberlain hoped that the Chinese would discuss proposals and exchange views in accordance with the methods customary in civilised nations. "I earnestly trust that no further incidents may mar the prospect of a peaceful settlement. We are bound to protect our nationals, and have taken measures necessary to discharge the primary duty of every nation, but it is to be hoped that our present liberal policy will place our relations on a permanent basis of mutual respect and friendship." (Loud cheers.)

ARRIVAL OF THE SUFFOLKS.

BATTALION NOT DISSEMBLING HERE.

Rumours have been in circulation during the past few days to the effect that some of the troops on their way to the Far East are to be billeted in the New Peninsula Hotel, which, it is stated, is now in a sufficiently advanced state of construction to allow 2,000 men to be accommodated there. The rumour was principally associated with the arrival of the Suffolks this week.

On enquiry at Command Headquarters, a *Daily Press* representative was informed that the battalion of the Suffolks now en route here, is due to arrive at Hong Kong on Wednesday or Thursday, probably the latter day. They will not disembark here, that is in the sense of being accommodated locally. The men will be given shore leave, and on Friday the transport will convey them to the North for disembarkation. As regards the arrival of the other troops en route from England no arrangements have yet been made for quartering them, and it cannot be stated what troops will proceed North, or where the remainder will be disposed.

GERMANS WANT TO JOIN THE SHANGHAI DEFENCE FORCE.

READY TO SERVE WITH THE BRITISH FOR WAR IN CHINA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CONCOUR, January 30th. Numerous Germans are enquiring where they can enlist in the Shanghai Defence Force to "serve with the British for war in China." They are astonished when informed that there is no likelihood of war, and even more astonished that a "Foreign Legion" does not exist in Britain.

CHANG TSO LIN PEEVED.

ANGRY WITH THE POWERS FOR LACK OF SUPPORT.

THREATENS TO WITHDRAW HIS TROOPS TO MUKDEN.

PEKING, January 30th.

A foreign correspondent, who attempted to interview Chang Tso Lin yesterday, found him in a very indignant mood, owing to the alleged lack of support and sympathy of the Powers. He declared that he needed funds against the South in his campaign. But it appeared he felt more the small amount of "face" given to him compared with the southern leaders. Chang Tso Lin is reported to have declared that he has always protected foreigners, while his opponents, who are violently anti-foreign, have driven out foreigners from the Southern provinces and have adopted illegal methods, have been given greater consideration. Chang Tso Lin intended to clear out to Mukden yesterday, recalling all the Fengtien troops outside the Great Wall; but, finally, he changed his mind and decided to remain in Peking at present. It appears, however, that the Fengtien are not likely to launch an attack against the South before the New Year.

[THROUGH AMERICAN SERVICE.]

AMERICAN NATIONALS IN CHINA.

TO BE PROTECTED BY WASHINGTON IF NECESSARY.

[THROUGH AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, January 30th. Suggestions that American Nationals withdraw from China as a sequel to Mr. Kellogg's statement on China have been reaching the White House. These have now elicited a reminder to the effect that American citizens in China are lawfully there and are therefore entitled to their Government's protection. It is stated that President Coolidge has said that he does not know why they should be asked to leave their property and business, and he has emphasised that Washington will not be forthcoming on their behalf if required.

The opinion of the New York papers is that this reminder virtually notifies Americans to remain in China. It is featured in the morning papers together with a long statement by the Chinese Minister protesting against military expeditions to China as "provocative and dangerous."

UNITED STATES CRUISERS.

THREE ORDERED TO HONOLULU TO AWAIT FURTHER ORDERS.

WASHINGTON, January 30th. The U.S. cruisers *Marblehead*, *Cincinnati*, and *Richmond* have been ordered to Honolulu to await further orders.

CHINA AND AMERICA.

WHAT MR. SZE DEMANDS.

WASHINGTON, January 30th. According to a report, displeasing is being felt in American official circles at Mr. Sze (Chinese Ambassador at Washington) demanding a more explicit and simplified statement of American purposes in China. State Department officials, however, refuse directly to comment on the incident.

[EARLIER TELEGRAMS.]

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

THE FIRST LORD OF ADMIRALTY ON THE SITUATION.

RUHR, January 29th. Referring to the Chinese problem, Mr. Walter Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, last night said: "The British Government has no aggressive motives, no list of conquest, and no desire to damp down the national ardour and aspirations of the Chinese nation."

"The military and naval action has been taken by us simply to protect those whom it is our duty and obligation to protect."

"We are at the same time doing all we can to arrive at a possible solution with any body in China which can be said to exercise responsible government in any part of the country."

"The Chinese nation have perfectly legitimate aspirations for greater freedom and a perfect right to ask that existing Treaties should be revised and that greater independence shall be given to them."

"We entirely sympathise with those demands, but while we are ready to consider revisions of the Treaties, we must have some understanding that China will carry out the ordinary obligations of civilisation to our subjects."

GENERAL SURVEY.

RUHR, January 29th.

Confirmation has now been received in London that the British Government's proposals elaborating in detail the policy outlined in the December Memorandum have now been conveyed by Mr. O'Malley to Mr. Eugene Chen in Hankow, and by the British Minister to Mr. Wellington Koo in Peking. By making a friendly offer at the same time to the Chinese authorities of the North and the South, the British Government indicates its neutrality between the warring parties and the genuineness of its conciliatory and liberal policy towards China as a whole.

KIUKIANG RESUMES BUSINESS.

Press telegram from China state that the commercial community in Kiukiang, following the Hankow example, have resumed business. The situation is quiet, and hulks are being used for warehousing. At Ichang the situation shows some improvement, and commandeered buildings have been restored to their owners. The situation in Hunan Province is tense as a result of the aggressive attitude of the Labour Union.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

POSITION IN SZECHUAN.

PEKING, January 29th. A message from Chungking states that Szechuan Province is quiet and is remaining loyal to the North. The generals guarantee full protection. Red propaganda is making no headway. Over 300 British and Americans are evacuating the Province within the next ten days.

FRENCH OPINION DIVIDED.

PARIS, January 29th. Opinion in France appears to be divided with regard to the respective merits of the policy of wait and see and the policy of swift diplomatic action in China.

The former is advocated in the *Matin* by M. Jules Senevier, who suggests that there are moderate elements within the Kuomintang who are ready to negotiate on the basis of the British Memorandum. Britain, by sending forces to Shanghai, is strengthening the hands of the Bolsheviks, who are trying to stir up the mob and swamp the scruples of the moderates.

If all the Powers maintained the level-headedness shown by France, Japan and America it would be a simple matter to come to an understanding with the moderates in the Canton Government, provided they were treated fairly.

The League of Nations might take the initiative in studying the Chinese question.

On the other hand, the *Oeuvre* declares that France ought to follow the example of Britain and negotiate simultaneously with Peking and Canton to renounce privileges which can no longer be upheld.

U.S. PRESIDENT AND "MILITARY GESTURES."

ADDRESS TO BUSINESS MEN.

CONDEMNNS "ARMAMENTS COMPETITION."

[THROUGH AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, January 30th.

Addressing the half-yearly meeting of business men, arranged by the Government, President Coolidge declared he had been giving adequate attention to the matter of military preparedness, but at the same time he warned against military gestures or acts likely to lead to a competition in armaments. He declared that the United States advocates peace. "We not only should refrain from acts which might be construed as demanding armaments competition but should rather bend every effort to eliminate such competition for evermore. We cannot and should not divorce our interests hereafter from the interests of all other nations. Surely the best interests were found in spending for the public welfare money which otherwise would be spent on unproductive results." He pointed out that the Government had reduced the public debt to below nineteen billion dollars and were now over two billions ahead of the Debt Redemption Schedule. He declared that the United States probably was in the most fortunate financial condition of the nations of the world; and financial considerations ought to induce Americans to refrain from any gesture conceivable as militarist. He did not promise an immediate reduction of taxes.

[THROUGH AMERICAN SERVICE.]

MEXICO'S NEW OIL LAWS.

A "DEFINITE WRIT OF AMPARO" GRANTED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE APPEALING TO SUPREME COURT.

MEXICO, CITY, January 30th.

The oil interests at Villa Guzman, in Vera Cruz, have gained an important decision. According to special despatches the District Court granted to the Trans-Continental Oil Company, a "definite writ of amparo," restraining all operations of the new petroleum law as relating to that Company. It is noteworthy that the District Court has hitherto refused such restraining orders. The Department of Justice is appealing to the Supreme Court against the decision.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TERRIFIC WEATHER IN GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, January 29th.

A fierce gale over the North of England and Scotland has had disastrous effects at Glasgow, where a warehouse and two tenements collapsed.

Many Fatalities.

Up to the present fourteen persons have been killed by the gale which has spread all over the country, reaching a hundred miles an hour in many parts and carrying off roofs and interrupting telegraphs.

102 Miles an Hour.

The Air Ministry reports that the wind reached 102 miles an hour at Renfrew, Scotland.

Heavy seas occurred round the coasts, although no serious shipping casualties have been reported. In spite of the storm, all Imperial Airways liners made scheduled cross-Channel flights yesterday.

Tramp Steamer Overtakes Plane.

One pilot flying from Cologne to London stated that whilst over the Channel, although his airspeed indicator was showing over ninety miles an hour, his machine was still for several minutes and a tramp steamer in the Channel below actually overtook him.

Heavy seas continued in the Channel to-day, but in North Britain the gale had moderated being followed by snow.

Fifteen Fatalities; 300 Persons Injured.

It is announced to-day that the death toll in the gale mishaps in Scotland totals 15, including nine in Glasgow, where 300 persons injured are being treated in hospitals.

It is stated that warehouses in Wilson Street are so dangerous, that it is still impossible to search in the debris for a missing man.

MORE TROOPS LEAVE.

LONDON, January 29th.

There were a number of armoured cars on the railway sidings and other warlike equipment on all sides, but there was a marked absence of public demonstrations at Southampton yesterday during the departure of 2,000 troops to China.

The Green Howards, commanded by Lieut-Col. McCall, in the "Assaye," and the First Devonshire, under Colonel Scafe, in the "Kildonan Castle," departed in a choppy sea and high wind, the tommies cheering lustily.

ARMED HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

CRIME INCREASES AS NEW YEAR APPROACHES.

As in former years, the approach of the Chinese New Year brings with it an increased amount of crime in the Colony. There were no fewer than three robbery cases reported yesterday.

An armed robbery was reported to the Police by a Chinese widow living at No. 77, High Street, West Point. According to her story four men gained entrance into her house at 9.15 a.m. yesterday on the pretext of delivering a parcel. When the men were inside the house, one held her up at the point of a revolver. The three other men ransacked the premises and made away with \$115 worth of jewellery and \$42 in cash. No arrest has been made.

Highway robbers waylaid a P.V.D. coolie at Taitamuk Road yesterday afternoon at about four o'clock and stole \$35 from him. One of the robbers was later arrested.

Another case of highway robbery was reported from Tai Po New Territory. The victim in this case, also a Chinese, was held up by foot-pads in the Sheung Wan Road, and \$12.80 was stolen. One arrest has been made.

GERMANY AND HER REPARATIONS.

TEST CASE INVOLVING SEVERAL HUNDRED MILLION STERLING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE HAGUE, January 30th.

Several hundred millions sterling, in reparations, are stated to be involved in the test case in the Industrial Court of arbitration to decide whether compensation paid by Germany, since September, 1924, to her nationals owing to property confiscated by allied countries, should be included as payment of reparations.

The Court has decided that such sums cannot be included in the Dawes Scheme of Annuities.

GERMAN POLITICS.

PRESIDENT HINDENBURG VETOES A CABINET APPOINTMENT.

BERLIN, January 30th.

President Hindenburg has taken the unusual step of vetoing the appointment to the Ministry of Justice of the German National, Herr Graf, in view of strong representations from the Centrist, especially ex-Chancellor Wirth. Graf, when Vice-President of the Reichstag, refused to be introduced to Herr Ebert, the then President of Germany.

A reshuffle of the Cabinet is therefore necessary. Reputable democratic circles are very greatly dissatisfied with the Cabinet.

[THROUGH AMERICAN SERVICE.]

U.S. AND GERMAN PIG-IRON.

WASHINGTON, January 30th.

Mr. Mellon, U.S. Financial Secretary, has issued anti-dumping orders against the import of German pig iron.

EXCHANGE BUILDING FIRE.

GREAT EXCITEMENT AT CENTRAL DISTRICT.

SMALL DAMAGE DONE.

Great excitement was caused by an outbreak of fire on the third floor of the new Exchange Building at Des Voeux Road Central, last night at about half past eight.

Diners at the Lane Crawford's Restaurant, on the first floor of the building, had their meal interrupted, and many hurriedly left when the alarm was given, and in a very short time the road was crowded.

The fire broke out at the back of the third storey, in a room occupied by the American Milk Products Co. The alarm was given by a Chinese boy in the employ of Messrs. Moxon and Taylor, and before the fire did much damage to the office furniture, five appliances were on the scene from Kennedy Town, Central and Wanchai Stations. Superintendent Brooks being in charge.

As each storey of the building is equipped with fire-fighting apparatus, and a pump of two hundred pound pressure, the firemen did not have to use the street hydrant.

The outbreak was extinguished within a few minutes by the Brigade using the apparatus on the premises. There was in fact more smoke than fire, but this made it difficult to locate the exact position of the outbreak. However, it was all over in a very brief space of time, and with only slight damage to the office furniture.

The outbreak was said to have been caused by a lighted cigarette end being thrown into a waste-paper basket.

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CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. v. REST OF THE LEAGUE.

This match was played on the H.K.C.C. ground on Saturday last and as was to be anticipated the result was a draw. The Club won the toss and put up 185 for 8 wickets. Hayward and Evers gave them a fine start and the former and Owen Hughes continued the good work. The other batsmen went for runs rather than safety and Mitchell and Hinton collected useful scores.

Just for a short time it looked as if the Rest might collapse when they lost four good wickets for 35 but a stubborn stand by Sayer and E. C. Fincher made the game safe. Full comment on the game will be found in the notes of R. Abbit which appear in another column.

The following are the scores and analysis—

HONG KONG C.C.

A. W. Hayward, c. Rumjahn, b. Baker	68
Capt. A. N. Evers, l.b.w., b. Sayer	22
E. Owen Hughes, l.b.w., b. Sayer	18
T. E. Pearce, c. E. C. Fincher, b. Goodwin	15
Capt. E. W. Morris, b. Goodwin	16
E. J. R. Mitchell, c. Sayer, b. Goodwin	22
J. R. Hinton, b. E. F. Fincher	19
Major L. J. Lightfoot, not out	3
E. W. Hamilton, c. Goodwin, b. E. F. Fincher	10
Extras	8
Total (for 8 wks., dec.)	185

Bowling Analysis.

A. C. I. Bowker and G. R. Vallack did not bat.	
Goodwin	12
Brace	11
Bumjahn	10
Baker	8
Sayer	6
E. F. Fincher	5.4
Yeoh	1

BEST OF THE LEAGUE.

Capt. C. A. Bridgland (R.E. & S.), c. Evers, b. Bowker	7
W. Brace (R.C.C.), st.	2
Pearce, b. Vallack (K.C.C.)	7
A. W. Bessy (K.C.C.), l.b.w., b. Vallack (K.C.C.)	7
A. A. Rumjahn (University), b. Bowker	9
E. C. Fincher (Civil Service), not out	52
G. R. Sayer (Civil Service), c. Hamilton, b. Owen Hughes	25
E. F. Fincher (K.C.C.) not out	6
Extras	27
Total (for 5 wks.)	135

Bowling Analysis.

F. Goodwin (K.C.C.), T. E. Yeoh (C.R.C.), E. Baker (C.S.C.), and S. A. Ismail (I.R.C.) did not bat.	
Bowker	9
Vallack	10
Morris	4
Lightfoot	4
Hamilton	4
Evers	1

SECOND DIVISION RESULTS.

SOME INTERESTING MATCHES.

No matches in the first division were played over the week-end, but the three in the second division provided interesting results.

After an absence of several weeks, the Tamar again took part in the League competition and beat the Indian Recreation Club on their own ground. This is the first reverse of the Indians who until they met Tamar were in the most favourable position to win the shield. They are now on a similar footing with the Police and the game between these two may decide the honours.

The Club de Recreio also lost their match, but their defeat at the hands of the University is not a great surprise as the University players are an experienced side. Unless there are more unexpected results, Recreio will be out of the running for the top position. The third match was between the Civil Service and the Royal Navy in which the former did very well in winning.

The scores follow—

LEAGUE DIVISION II.

H.M.S. "Tamar" v. Indian R.C.

Played on the Navy ground, Happy Valley, the Home team winning by 48 runs. The match was a source of great disappointment to the Indian Recreation Club, happened on the Navy ground when after dismissing their opponents for 133 runs, they failed to get anywhere near that figure. Only A. K. Minu and V. T. Mans made a stand, for the ninth wicket, the former making 32 and the latter 14, not out. C.P.O. Beasley was mainly responsible for the debacle of the Indians.

Scores:—

H.M.S. "TAMAR."

C.P.O. Beasley, c. Akber, b. Madar	37
E.R.A. Allen, b. Sirdar Khan	11
C.E.R.A. Baker, b. Madar	1
Lieut. Taylor, b. Sirdar Khan	0
Pa. Comdr. Coomber, b. Madar	2
S.A. Murphy, b. Sirdar Khan	8
Lieut. Palmer, l.b.w., b. Sirdar Khan	0
L.S.A. King, not out	24
Lieut. Abol Smith, l.b.w., b. Sirdar Khan	4
S.P.O. Womack, l.b.w., b. Sirdar Khan	6
Lieut. Comdr. Stanham, run out	8
Extras	28
Total	133

Bowling Analysis.

Mans	3
A. S. Ismail	2
Sirdar Khan	16
Suffad	2
Madar	11.3

INDIAN R.C. v. H.M.S. "TAMAR."

M. P. Madar, b. Beasley	3
J. S. Akber, run out	9
A. S. Suffad, c. and b. Beasley	1
A. S. Ismail, b. Beasley	0
Sirdar Khan, b. King	6
Sirdar Khan, b. Beasley	0
A. Minu, st. Stanham, b. Beasley	7
I. Hassan, b. Coomber	3
A. R. Minu, c. Palmer, b. Beasley	32
V. T. Mans, not out	14
A. Rahman, b. Reakes	1
Extras	11
Total	87

Bowling Analysis.

Beasley	10
King	7
Coomber	8
Palmer	3
Reakes	2.2

University v. Recreio.

Played on the University ground, Pokfulam, the Home team winning by one wicket.

Most cricketers in Hong Kong find playing conditions on the University ground strange. The Portuguese, who played their first match there, were no exceptions, and lost to the University. Going in first, they compiled 132 runs, of which Pinna claimed 55. The "tail" failed to "wag."

A good start by Kermani, who scored 47, paved the way for the University win. They passed their opponents' total for the loss of 9 wickets.

Scores:—

H. M. Xavier, c. Loke, b. Sudan	11
H. A. Alves, l.b.w., b. Hip-toola	1
J. F. Noronha, c. Kermani, b. Hip-toola	16
R. C. Reed, run out	10
M. F. Pinna, c. Hong Sling, b. Lee	55
E. de Sousa, b. Sudan	1
F. H. Carvalho, b. Lee	2
H. A. Barros, b. Lee	2
D. F. Lopes, b. Lee	0
C. E. Marques, c. Hong Sling, b. Sudan	9
L. G. Remedios, not out	0
Extras	25
Total	132

Bowling Analysis.

Hiptoola	15
Sudan	18
Lee	5.2
Ong	1

UNIVERSITY 2ND XI.

K. T. Loke, b. Reed	5
S. Kermani, c. Carvalho, b. Alves	47
Wong Sling, c. Barros, b. C. K. Ong, c. Barros, b. Alves	17
E. A. Lee, not out	15
A. Baker, not out	19
A. Tajima, c. Remedios, b. Hip-toola	9
A. T. M. Burma, b. Reed	5
B. N. Sudan, c. Remedios, b. Alves	4
Extras	6
Total (for 9 wickets)	134

Dr. C. H. Yeoh did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

Marques	11
Reed	10
Pinna	1
Alves	10
Remedios	2

Civil Service v. Royal Navy.

Played on the Civil Service Cricket Club ground, Happy Valley, the Home team winning.

A capital contribution of 81, not out, by Lieut. Duncan was mainly responsible for the Navy's total of 163 runs. (This is the highest individual score in the second division.) Lieut. O'Donnell helped with 23 and Lieut. Studholme with 17.

The Civil Service players batted consistently and all but two reached double figures.

The best bowling efforts were by Wittchell and Westlake (O.S.C.C.) and by Capt. Coleridge and Capt. Cornish (R.N.).

Scores:—

ROYAL NAVY.

Capt. Coleridge, R.M., c. Hallam, b. Wittchell	9
Capt. Cornish, R.M., b. Wittchell	0
Lieut. Woodhouse, b. Westlake	1
Lieut. Duncan, not out	81
Lieut. Palajret, l.b.w., b. Westlake	0
Mid. Johnson, l.b.w., b. Wittchell	0
Lieut. Spencer, b. Wittchell	17
Lieut. Studholme, b. Hallam	10
Surg-Lieut. Tighe, b. Nihill	4
Lieut. O'Donnell, b. Wittchell	22
Lieut. Hamilton, b. Westlake	4
Extras	19
Total	153

Bowling Analysis.

Wittchell	11.1
Westlake	3
Palajret	3
Hallam	2
O'Neill	1
Nihill	3

CIVIL SERVICE C.C.

R. S. W. Paterson, b. Coleridge	19
A. R. Sutherland, c. O'Donnell, b. Tighe	22
R. C. Wittchell, c. Coleridge, b. Studholme	7
H. F. Harper, b. Coleridge	9
H. E. Strange, c. Tighe, b. Cornish	38
J. B. Nihill, c. O'Donnell, b. Cornish	22
R. R. Davies, not out	15
H. F. Westlake, c. Studholme, b. Cornish	0
W. F. J. Gorvin, c. Studholme, b. Coleridge	25
A. G. Hallam, not out	15
Extra	1
Total (for 9 wickets)	170

P. J. O'Neill did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

Tighe	6
Coleridge	16
Studholme	6
Palajret	2
Cornish	7

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

Craigengower v. Kowloon C.C.

In a low scoring match on the Craigengower Cricket Club ground, the Kowloon Cricket Club beat the Home team by 41 runs. Batting first the winners compiled 138 runs of which R. F. Strange contributed 37. The best partnership was that between Lieut. Emley and Strange, the former scoring 25. Lawrence made 10 runs and Gill 13, not out. S. Abbas scored 6 wickets for 22 runs and Omar 3 for 42. Craigengower were then dismissed for 97 runs. T. Grimes was top scorer with 24 runs, and the Club's veterans, Bass, added another 20 runs. O. Lamell was run out for 14 and E. Hamson, 10, not out, was the only other player to reach double figures. Lyl, the K.C.C. captain, took 6 wickets for 17 runs.

Hong Kong C.C. 2nd v. Kowloon C.C. 2nd.

On the Kowloon Cricket Club ground, the Hong Kong Cricket Club beat the Kowloon Cricket Club in a convincing manner, thus avenging their defeat in the League match. The winners declared at 141 runs for 5 wickets. The principal contributors were Burgess 26, G. P. Lammert 32, F. T. Orr 42 and Stevenson 13, not out. There were also 15 "extras." Duncan secured three of the five wickets for 34 runs. Kowloon made 70 runs, C. T. Evans 17, not out, and Hamblin 17, being the only two to reach double figures. Wales took 6 wickets for 39 runs and Lee 3 for 21.

Police v. Hong Kong Electric Co.

The Hong Kong Electric Co. were no match for the Police and lost by 107 runs. Taking first knock, the Police scored 178 runs, of which Handle made 55, not out, Alexander 44, and Meadows 32. The Electric Co. were then dismissed for 71 runs. Normington and Musket made 18 and 13 runs respectively.

LEAGUE TABLE.

Division I.

Civil Service	6	4	0	2	14
Kowloon C.C.	5	4	0	1	13
Indian R.C.	5	3	1	1	12
Hong Kong C.C.	5	3	1	3	9
Royal Navy	4	2	1	7	7
Royal Artillery	4	2	3	0	6
K.O.S.B.	2	1	1	0	3
Craigengower	5	1	4	0	3
Chinese R.C.	6	1	5	0	3
R.E. and Signals	3	0	2	0	0

Division II.

Police	7	5	1	1	16
Indian R.C.	6	4	1	1	13
Recreio	4	2	1	1	13
University	6	3	1	2	11
R.A.O.C.	6	3	3	0	9
Kowloon C.C.	5	2	2	1	7
Civil Service	5	2	3	0	6
Royal Navy	7	2	5	0	6
H.M.S. "Tamar"	7	2	5	0	6
Hong Kong C.C.	4	0	4	0	0

YESTERDAY'S MATCH.

University v. Volunteers.

This game was played on the University Union ground, Pokfulam, the Volunteers winning on the first innings. Each team had a second knock and at the finish the University was only 10 runs in arrears with 4 wickets in hand.

Scores:—

VOLUNTEERS: 1ST INNINGS.	
F. E. Lawrence, c. Sling, b. Lam	13
D. E. G. Nicholson, c. Lam, b. Gutterres	9
F. T. Orr, c. Lee, b. S. V.	0
Gittens	0
H. E. Standage, b. Zimmermann	15
A. C. I. Bowker, c. F. Zimmermann, b. S. V. Gittens	14
E. J. R. Mitchell, b. S. V. Gittens	4
J. R. Hinton, st. Hunt, b. W. Gittens	19
C. T. Evans, c. Hunt, b. S. V. Gittens	7
H. T. Buxton, not out	4
J. A. Summers, c. S. V. Gittens, b. W. Gittens	0
C. D. Wales, hit wicket, b. W. Gittens	11
Extras	11
Total	95

Bowling Analysis.

Gutterres	8
Lam	7
S. V. Gittens	3
F. Zimmermann	3
W. Gittens	2.1

UNIVERSITY: 1ST INNINGS.

H. Q. Hunt, c. and b. Bowker	3
W. M. Gittens, b. Wales	3
W. H. Sling, b. Summers	23
S. Gittens, b. Bowker	6
E. Zimmermann, b. Bowker	1
B. P. Ng, not out	3
E. A. Lee, b. Wales	1
C. W. Lam, c. Summers, b. Wales	0
F. Zimmermann, b. Summers	12
A. A. Rumjahn, c. and b. A. P. Gutterres, c. and b. Wales	16
Extras	72
Total	127

Bowling Analysis.

Bowker	13
Wales	13.1
Summers	8

VOLUNTEERS: 2ND INNINGS.

F. E. Lawrence, c. Rumjahn, b. Gutterres	2
D. E. G. Nicholson, c. Lam, b. S. V. Gittens	1
H. T. Buxton, c. Hunt, b. Gutterres	6
A. C. I. Bowker, l.b.w., b. Gutterres	10
E. J. R. Mitchell, c. and b. H. R. Hinton, b. Gutterres	25
H. E. Standage, b. Rumjahn	7
F. T. Orr, c. Rumjahn, b. S. V. Gittens	34
J. A. Summers, c. Hunt, b. Lam	15
C. T. Evans, run out	2
C. D. Wales, not out	17
Extras	8
Total	127

Bowling Analysis.

Gutterres	10
S. V. Gittens	7
W. H. Sling	4
Rumjahn	4
F. Zimmermann	3
C. W. Lam	3.1

UNIVERSITY: 2ND INNINGS.

H. Q. Hunt, b. Wales	4
B. P. Ng, c. Wales, b. Bowker	17
A. A. Rumjahn, c. Mitchell, b. Summers	33
E. Zimmermann, c. Nicholson, b. Wales	58
S. V. Gittens, b. Summers	14
C. W. Lam, not out	4
F. Zimmermann, c. Summers, b. W. H. Sling, not out	8
Extras	8
Total (for 9 wickets)	140

Bowling Analysis.

Bowker	9
Wales	7
Summers	5
Hinton	2

GOLF.

THE GOVERNOR'S SHIELD.

The final in the Governor's Shield competition at Fanning, was to have been played on Saturday, but was postponed on account of the indisposition of one of the players, Lt. Col. S. Boylan Smith.

This annual competition of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club is for inter-Hong fourfours. The finalists (18 holes) are the Royal Army Medical Corps (Lt. Col. Voylan Smith and Major Lynch) v. John-son, Stokes and Master (Dr. J. Lewis and L. R. Andrews).

CRICKET NOTES.

Owing to the dislocation of the usual routine consequent upon the China New Year Holidays, and the usual two days match, I am publishing a few notes now, rather than holding them up until Friday when they will be entirely out of date. In the first place I am asked to state that the match H.K.C.C. v. United Services will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, starting on the first day at 1 a.m.

The names of the Services' Team were given to me verbally and I am not absolutely sure if I am right. Anyway ten of them are: Agnew, Brewerton, Beatty, Emley, Sturges, Venn, Bridgeland, Dobbie, Evers, Lightfoot and Morris (captain). I am told that there is some uncertainty as to whether Dobbie can get away, as he is in camp, and if he is unable to turn out, his place will be given to Lieut. Wright, of the Gunners, whose big not out century on Friday was made after the team was picked. There are some reserves whose names have also escaped me, but Private Lake was one of them.

The Club side will be their regular one, when Service men are not playing; that is, Hancock (captain), Pearce, Hayward, Bowker, Owen, Hughes, Vallack, Mitchell, Hinton, Parker, and Gardner. Reserve: Hamilton. There is nothing very much wrong with the batting but it is weak in bowling, especially when the great batting strength of the Services is considered. It should be a splendid game, and the Club will do very well if they win. One fervently hopes that there will not be that appalling cold and clammy drizzle that is popularly associated with Chinese New Year.

The Club v. Rest Match.

The big match last Saturday was very interesting. Hayward and Evers are a very fine opening pair of batsmen, and the Club was never in danger of defeat after their opening partnership. Owen Hughes was batting nicely and was unlucky in a way. He was so convinced that the ball, which got him, pitched outside the off-stump that he made no attempt to play it, but covered up. Both the bowler and the umpire disagreed! If I remember rightly he takes one leg and stands pretty well at that, which may have had something to do with it. The remaining batsmen hit the ball hard. The fielding of the Rest was uncommonly good, and Rumjahn's catch at first slip, by which he sent Hayward back, was a brilliant one. Goodwin and Bruce both bowled very well, although the latter did not get a wicket. I was rather surprised that Yeoh was not put on earlier. He has been bowling very well this year. The fallacy that Rumjahn can get good batsmen out, because he is so dangerous against bad bats still obtains, I see. It may be true that he always looks like getting a wicket, but he doesn't usually do so. The fact is he would be far more dangerous if the ground was 15 yards longer.

Bruce was out through a trick he has of lifting his right foot off the ground after he has played his shot. So far as I know the ball only became dead when it leaves the wicket-keeper's hand on being returned to the bowler and remains dead until the bowler commences his run. It is not dead until he delivers it, as you can be run out if you back up to soon. The matter is, of course, governed by sportsmanship, but it clearly is up to the batsman to keep in his ground for a reasonable period. In this case, Pearce had hardly got the ball in his hands before he put the wicket down.

Bridgland, Ramsey and Rumjahn did nothing much, but Fincher played one of his typical innings. He treats every straight or dangerous ball with great respect; but he gets the large number of runs he does because he seldom if ever fails to despatch the ball to the boundary for four. Sayer, apart from a couple of lucky snicks for four through the slips played very nice cricket. Bowker and Vallack both bowled well. The latter is much more steady this year, and is doing very well. The fielding on the whole was good, but Owen Hughes has rather a patch in his slip fielding due perhaps to rather snatching at them.

Division II Games.

HOME FOOTBALL.

LEAGUE RESULTS.

(THROUGH BRUNN'S AGENCY.)

Division I.	
Aston Villa 4, Blackburn 3.	
Huddersfield 3, Tottenham 0.	
Sunderland 3, Leicester 0.	
West Bromwich 3, Bury 1.	
Division II.	
Blackpool 2, Manchester City 4.	
Oldham 2, Bradford City 1.	
Grimsby 1, Notts County 4.	
Division III. (Southern).	
Bournemouth 0, Watford 0.	
Bristol City 5, Crystal Palace 4.	
Charlton 4, Coventry City 2.	
Luton Town 2, Exeter City 2.	
Newport City 5, Aberdare 2.	
Norwich City 2, Swinton 1.	
Plymouth 0, Gillingham 0.	
Southend 3, Merthyr 1.	
Unplayed—Northampton v. Millwall and Queen's Park v. Brentford.	
Northern League.	
Ashington 1, Wigan 1.	
Bradford 1, Barrow 0.	
Chesterfield 1, Chester 1.	
Crews 1, Halifax 2.	
Hartlepool 1, Lincoln 1.	
Nelson 1, Stoke City 0.	
New Brighton 2, Wrexham 1.	
Rochdale 3, Tranmere 1.	
Walsall 3, Rotherham 2.	
Unplayed—Southport v. Durham and Stockport v. Accrington.	
Scottish League.	
Clyde 1, Dundee U.A. 0.	
Cowdenbeath 0, Airdrieonians 0.	
Dundee 3, Motherwell 1.	
Falkirk 4, St. Johnstone 0.	
Hibernians 2, Dunfermline 2.	
Norton 3, Aberdeen 4.	
Queen's Park 1, St. Mirren 0.	
Rangers 1, Hearts 1.	
Hamilton v. Celtic. The latter was leading by 2 to 1 when the match was abandoned in the first half owing to the severe storm.	
In the Scottish Cup (first round) Dykehead were leading against Montrose by 2 to 0 when the match was abandoned in the second half.	
English Football Cup.	
(Fourth Round).	
Southampton 4, Birmingham 1.	
Liverpool 3, Southport 1.	
Leeds 0, Bolton 0.	
West Ham 1, Brentford 1.	
Sheffield W. 1, South Shields 1.	
Derby 0, Millwall 2.	
Port Vale 2, Arsenal 2.	
Reading 3, Portsmouth 1.	
Fulham 0, Burnley 4.	
Corinthians 1, Newcastle 3.	
Barnsley 1, Swansea 3.	
Hull 1, Everton 1.	
Chelsea 7, Accrington 0.	
Darlington 0, Cardiff 2.	
Wolves 2, Notts F.C. 0.	
Preston 0, Middlesbrough 3.	

THE COLONY'S FINANCES.

THE STATEMENT FOR OCTOBER.

The financial statement for the month of October shows a credit balance of \$3,700,761, as against \$3,197,506 at the end of September.

The total revenue for October was \$1,732,367, as against \$2,083,750 for the same month in 1925. The expenditure for the month was \$2,229,912, as against \$2,540,968 for the same month in the previous year.

The total revenue from January 1st to October 31st totals \$16,002,668, as against \$16,888,282 for the same period in 1925. The expenditure over the same period totals \$18,415,350, as against \$22,116,636.

The Colony's assets and liabilities on October 31st were as under:—

LIABILITIES.	
Deposits not Available.....	\$78,316.35
House Service Account.....	6,394.07
Postal Agencies.....	12,405.42
Suspense Account.....	644,162.92
Coal Accounts.....	6,436.97
Crown Agents Current Account.....	13,668.73
Total Liabilities.....	\$1,661,364.19
Balance.....	5,700,761.74
Total.....	\$7,362,065.93
ASSETS.	
Subsidiary Coins.....	\$1,665,662.94
Advances.....	145,117.19
Building Loans.....	1,571,514.28
Imprest.....	64,921.00
Crown Agents Deposit Account.....	39,183.67
Unallocated Stores (P.W.D.).....	365,955.66
Unallocated Stores (Railway).....	201,811.23
Investment Account.....	2,964,548.50
Lorry Haulage Account.....	4,028.20
Balance at Banks.....	315,663.31
Total.....	\$7,362,065.93
Cash lent at Interest \$4,000 0s. 0d.	

The Carnarvon Boroughs Unionist Association have chosen Mr. Bowen Davies, M.C., Denbigh, as their candidate to oppose Mr. Lloyd George at the next election.

Two panels of Morliske tapestry, woven with nymphs with landscape background, two similar smaller panels, and ten border pieces, woven with flowers and fruit, realised £297 10s. at Messrs. Christie's.

THE WEEK-END YACHTING.

SATURDAY'S MENAGERIE RACE.

NAVAL DAY YESTERDAY.

As there were no championship events on Saturday the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club arranged a menagerie race, yesterday the Club entertained the Royal Navy for the third time this season.

The start for Saturday's race was at 2.45 p.m. all classes starting together over a course of Lyman Beacon (p), Cust Rock Buoy (p). Distance 3.6 miles.

Eighteen boats representative of the three championship classes competed.

Yachts of the Handicap class occupied the first five places at the finish but none of them was in the first three when the allowances were worked out.

Rolla was first home but was only placed eighth.

Ailsa was the first of the Gulls and One Designs to finish and she became the winner on handicap.

Thelma, of the same class, was thirteenth to cross the line but she took second place.

Of the Heyward Hays class, *Bluebonnet* and *Adele* were eighth and ninth to get home. On handicap they became third and fourth.

In the table of times below, the respective yachts are mentioned in order of finishing (i.e., according to actual time taken). Their positions in the race on corrected time (i.e., according to handicap) are mentioned in parenthesis.

Finishing	Corrected
Time.	Time.
<i>Rolla</i> (8).....	3:57.40
<i>Colleen</i> (13).....	3:58.59
<i>Colleen</i> (8).....	3:58.59
<i>La Linda</i> (18).....	4:03.34
<i>Falcon</i> (11).....	4:04.14
<i>Ailsa</i> (1st).....	4:04.29
<i>Dorothea</i> (15).....	4:04.51
<i>Bluebonnet</i> (3rd).....	4:07.56
<i>Adele</i> (4).....	4:08.14
<i>Admiral</i> (6).....	4:08.34
<i>Daphne</i> (12).....	4:10.06
<i>Halcyon</i> (14).....	4:10.28
<i>Thelma</i> (2nd).....	4:12.39
<i>Joan</i> (7).....	4:13.01
<i>Colleen</i> (10).....	4:13.40
<i>Zephyr</i> (17).....	4:14.30
<i>Lola</i> (9).....	4:14.52
<i>Sealark</i> (18).....	4:17.59
<i>Sealark</i> (18).....	4:04.45

The handicap race for Service boats resulted in the following order:—

- 1.—H.M.S. *Hermes* galley (Eng. Comdr. Villier).
- 2.—H.M.S. *Despatch* galley (P. O. Simpson).
- 3.—H.M.S. *Hermes* whaler (Lt. Willoughby).
- 4.—H.M.S. *Caradoc* galley (Lt. Hall).
- 5.—H.M.S. *Despatch* cutter (Lt. Ryan).
- 6.—H.M.S. *Caradoc* whaler (Lt. Enright).
- 7.—H.M.S. *Herald* whaler (Lt. Kennedy).
- 8.—H.M.S. *Titanis* whaler (Ldg. S. Player).

Other boats in the race were:—H.M.S. *Caradoc* whaler (Lt. Barrow), cutter (Lt. Comdr. Maund); H.M.S. *Despatch* whaler (P. O. Poulter), whaler (P. O. Wilkin); H.M.S. *Titanis* whaler (L. S. Marsh).

YESTERDAY'S RACES.

NAVAL DAY AT THE CLUB.

SENIOR SERVICE WIN FLAG.

Yesterday was Naval Day at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, the third and final meeting between the Club and the Navy in the series of events arranged between them this season.

After the last event the Yacht Club were 10 points ahead of the Navy. In the morning race yesterday the Navy secured 72 against the Yacht Club's 64, and in the afternoon the Service men did even better, getting 60 points against the Yacht Club's 57 points.

This meant that on the day, the Navy secured a lead of 31 points, but after deducting the Yacht Club's previous lead of 19 points, the Navy won the "flag" by the narrow margin of 12 points.

There was a good sailing breeze throughout and the finishes in each race were very close.

Tiffin was taken at the Club. Following the usual practice the boats, sailed by the Club in the morning were sailed by the Navy in the afternoon, and vice-versa. There were sixteen boats out.

MORNING RACE.

The course for the morning race was Lyman (p), Kowloon Rock (p). The distance was 6.2 miles. The preparatory gun went at 11.30 a.m. and the start was made at 11.35.

The results of the morning race are as under, the figures in parenthesis indicating the order in which the boats finished the course:

Finishing	Time.	Pts.
<i>Daphne</i> (3).....	12:55.09	14
<i>Halcyon</i> (9).....	12:59.54	8
<i>Sealark</i> did not finish.		
<i>Boojum</i> (6).....	13:53.09	11
<i>Colleen</i> (1).....	15:50.46	17
<i>Lola</i> (14).....	1:03.44	3
<i>Gael</i> (13).....	1:09.39	8
<i>Joan</i> (5).....	12:58.44	9

Royal Navy.

Finishing	Time.	Pts.
<i>Ailsa</i> (4).....	12:58.08	13
<i>Why Wonder?</i> (10).....	1:01.04	7
<i>Bluebonnet</i> (5).....	12:57.45	12
<i>Adele</i> (13).....	1:02.32	4
<i>Falcon</i> (1).....	1:03.19	15
<i>Lynette</i> (7).....	12:58.04	10
<i>Pierrette</i> (11).....	1:02.04	6
<i>Thelma</i> (12).....	1:02.06	5

AFTERNOON RACE.

The course for the afternoon race was Channel Rocks (p), Kowloon Rock (p), Mark on Club Line (s), Cust Rock Buoy (s). The distance was 5.5 miles. The preparatory gun went at 3 p.m. and a start was made at 3.5.

The results of this race are as under, the figures in parenthesis indicating the order in which the boats finished.

Finishing	Time.	Pts.
<i>Ailsa</i> (10).....	4:13.00	7
<i>Why Wonder?</i> (9).....	4:14.30	9
<i>Bluebonnet</i> (11).....	4:14.30	9
<i>Adele</i> (14).....	4:17.18	3
<i>Falcon</i> (2).....	4:10.68	15
<i>Lynette</i> (7).....	4:13.54	10
<i>Pierrette</i> (13).....	4:17.10	4
<i>Thelma</i> (18).....	4:18.04	1

Royal Navy.

Finishing	Time.	Pts.
<i>Daphne</i> (3).....	4:12.09	14
<i>Halcyon</i> (9).....	4:13.34	11
<i>Admiral</i> (11).....	4:15.01	6
<i>Boojum</i> (4).....	4:12.10	13
<i>Colleen</i> (1).....	4:07.38	17
<i>Lola</i> (12).....	4:18.40	3
<i>Gael</i> (15).....	4:17.50	8
<i>Joan</i> (5).....	4:12.01	13

Grand Total.

Yacht Club.....	131
Navy.....	152
Majority for Navy 31 points.	

Flag Presented.

At the conclusion of the afternoon race, Mr. A. L. Shields, (the Vice-Commodore of the Yacht Club) congratulated the Navy on their victory, and handed to Comdr. Ratsey, R.N., the Club ensign. Mr. Shields commented that this annual series of contests between the Senior Service and the Yacht Club were very much enjoyed, and much looked forward to. After a poor start in the morning the Navy made an excellent recovery sufficient to wipe out the lead the Club had established during the second event, a few weeks ago.

Mr. Shields also presented spoons to the helmsmen of the three boats which finished first in the morning and afternoon.

These were as under:—Morning:—1. *Colleen* (Mr. R. O. Sutherland); 2. *Falcon* (Lieut. Commander Leveson-Gower); 3. *Daphne* (Col. Gunn, R.N.S.A.).

Afternoon:—1. *Colleen* (Commander Fitzgerald); 2. *Falcon* (Mr. Edwards); 3. *Daphne* (Lieut. Commander Drinkwater).

Commander Ratsey replied on behalf of the Navy and said the Naval members looked upon the Yacht Club as their Club, therefore it was their wish that the flag should be hung in the Club, and not taken away by the Club.

This was accordingly done.

YACHTING NOTES.

[By "CHAU KUNG."] The races for the Commodore's Cups produced some interesting racing and results.

Colleen won fairly comfortably in the Handicap class but the winner of the Vice-Commodore's Cup cannot be given till an incident between two of the competing yachts has been cleared up. The "I," "Y," and "G" class sailing together experienced many changes of position throughout the Race.

The leading boats out through Lyman Pass were considerably altered coming back. *Lola* of the Heyward Hays class, sailed by Capt. Cardew, finally won by four seconds from *Zephyr*, sailed by Mr. R. J. Vernal, which may be considered a "kindly disposition" by the Gods since Capt. Cardew will be leaving us before any more Championship races are sailed whilst it is hoped that Mr. Vernal will be here to sail many more.

Gael, owned by the officers of the R. E. Mess, as first of the Gull class took the Vice-Commodore's Cup and *Ailsa*, owned and sailed by Commander F. Ratsey, R.N., took the Rear Commodore's Cup as first of the 1s. The services are thus well represented in the list of prize-winners.

The nine cruisers who started had a good race on Sunday with a fair breeze in the harbour, which was considerably lighter to the westward. This gave *La Ogile* her opportunity and her helmsman, N. Croucher, took full advantage of it and had practically established his position as winner by rounding the Islets in Discovery Bay a good 20 minutes ahead of the next boat, *Norsemann*. It was most interesting and instructive to see the performance of *Lady Jean* and *Queen Bee* in the light wind hereabouts.

LAWN TENNIS.

H.M.S. "HERMES" KOWLOON C.C.

On the Kowloon Cricket Club courts yesterday afternoon, a friendly match was played between H.M.S. *Hermes* and the Kowloon Cricket Club. It resulted in a win for the Club team by 67 games to 33. Last month the "flying" team won just as decisively and it was decided to play a third match later.

For Kowloon yesterday, the Fincher brothers did exceptionally well. The *Hermes* team played pretty tennis, but were up against one of the best sides in the Colony.

La Sparks played a very aggressive game throughout and retrieved many difficult shots.

Scores:—E. C. Fincher and E. F. Fincher (Kowloon): beat Lt. Sparks and Lt. La Brewerton..... 8-3

beat Lt. Sturgess and Pay-Comdr. Turner..... 11-0

beat Lt. Haines and Lt. Grant..... 10-1

S. E. Green and W. Hyde (Kowloon): beat Lt. Sparks and Lt. La Brewerton..... 11-0

lost to Lt. Sturgess and Pay-Comdr. Turner..... 4-7

beat Lt. Haines and Lt. Grant..... 9-2

N. Trambitzky and C. T. Atkins (Kowloon): lost to Lt. Sparks and Lt. La Brewerton..... 4-7

lost to Lt. Sturgess and Pay-Comdr. Turner..... 2-3

beat Lt. Haines and Lt. Grant..... 8-3

Totals:—Kowloon, 67; *Hermes*, 33.

The entries for the Annual Lawn Tennis Tournament which will start in March closed at noon on Saturday. They are not as numerous as last year, but the interest and standard of play are expected to be equally great as all the leading players of the Colony have entered. There are only a few from the Navy but this may be due to the uncertainty of the political situation.

Chief interest will centre on the Open Singles and Open Doubles Championships of the Colony. Among others who have joined the Open Singles are: T. Tonda and S. A. Humjahn, holder and runner-up respectively last year, Ng Sze Kwong (champion 1918-1923), Dr. Tottenham, Yow Man Tsun, S. E. Green (champion 1916-1917), H. D. Rumjahn, Mr. K. Lo, H. Lo, Major Stevenson, Col. C. Russell Brown and E. F. Fincher.

General interest will be taken in the Open Doubles Championship as the Rumjahn cousins, H. D. and S. A., are the holders for 1925 and 1926 and a win for them this year would mean that the Challenge Cup presented by the late Mr. Ho Fook would become their property.

Their strongest opponents will probably be Ng Sze Kwong and Ng Sze Ching, who withdrew from the tournament last year. Major Stevenson and the Rev. Alexander (the former with Major Pratt were runners-up last year), the Fincher brothers and the Lo brothers.

The Mixed Doubles Handicap and other Club events judging by the entrants promise to be as interesting as they have been in the past.

The respective helmsmen Mr. Y. J. Pearce and Col. H. B. Gunn got all there was to get out of it and brought the boats along in fine style and it was an eye opener to some to see how they moved in light weather; it must be remembered however that it was calm water with no 'sea' to stop the boats.

Coming to the eastward, the order underwent considerable changes with *U* and *I* working into 2nd place, but she could make no impression on *La Ogile* who passed her homeward bound close to the Lido, making *La Ogile* a leader by 3 miles. *Norsemann* who up to windward seemed to be none too fairly served and dropped back to last but one, though later she made up considerably and crossed the line ahead of *Queen Bee* and *Isis*, the latter securing the Rear Commodore's Cup beating *Feathers* by 7 minutes on corrected time.

Lady Jean was 4 minutes ahead of *Isis* to win the Vice-Commodore's prize and 7 minutes behind *La Ogile*.

With *Plover* being given a re-conditioning overhaul and *Snipe* being taken over by the Secretary of the Club there is great possibility of there being a revival of the racing amongst the Chinese Rigged Cruisers.

I have been told that the *Plover* is in very fair condition considering her age and the fact that she was constructed on a three-inch keel while for the condition of *Snipe* it can be personally vouched for by *Chau Kung*.

THE AMOY RIOTS.

STUDENT MOBS AND THE S.S. "HAICHING."

CHINESE OFFICIAL WHO CONTROLLED THE MOB.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

The Colonial Secretary has issued the following official account of the recent riot at Amoy when a mob mainly composed of students forced its way on board the s.s. *Haiching* and demanded the surrender of the Priests, Sisters and Orphans who had fled from mob violence at Foochow. It will be remembered that on that occasion two Chinese orphans and one of the Spanish Dominican Fathers were handed over to the custody of the Chinese authorities. The statement is as follows:—

The following information dated January 20th has been officially received from Amoy:—

The British steamer *Haiching* of the Douglas Line arrived in Amoy on the morning of 18th instant bringing a number of Dominican Spanish and American refugee Catholic missionaries from Foochow and French Sisters from Pagoda with some of their servants and Chinese children.

The first intimation the British Consul received of any trouble was about 1.30 p.m. when the French Consul (also Senior Consul) telephoned that he and the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs were going on board the *Haiching* to investigate the case of certain Chinese from the Orphanage wanted by the Foochow Authorities. The British Consul therefore accompanied them on board. Captain (really Admiral) Lin, the principal authority here, also sent his A.D.C. and naval officers to prevent trouble and to look into the matter together with Chinese Police. In order to regularize matters the British Consul gave permission to remove any Chinese wanted by the authorities, the necessary documents to be made out subsequently.

Mobious Students. As the investigation proceeded a number of Chinese students came on board, and when the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs decided that only two of the children need be landed, as being obviously orphans under legal age, the students, and certain older persons who were obviously agitators, raised an outcry and held a meeting among themselves on deck. A certain well-known labour agitator was also seen talking to the crew apparently trying to get them to leave the ship. Some foreigners who wished to go ashore were stopped at the gangway by Chinese of the student or teacher class. To make sure the British Consul himself made an attempt to go ashore in the Post Office-motor-launch with a similar result. The Commissioner of Foreign Affairs was in no better case and was obviously helpless having no means of communicating with Captain Lin on shore. The only man who was able to handle the situation was Captain Lin's A.D.C. Ho Chih Hing, who acted as spokesman of the Authorities and explained to the students what it was proposed to do. After the students had demanded that all the missionaries be landed as well as the Chinese children, and had been told that that was impossible, a compromise was effected by one of

the Spanish Dominicans offering to remain as representative in Amoy to give any evidence required. The students then left the ship, with police, orphans, etc., and boats were permitted to come alongside to take off those wishing to go ashore, the ship sailing at 4.15 p.m. instead of the scheduled time of 4 o'clock.

Serious Trouble Averted. There is no doubt that serious trouble might easily have arisen, and at one time the Captain of the ship wished to close the grilles shutting off the students and agitators in one part of the ship, and then heaving up anchor. As this would undoubtedly have started another boycott the British Consul did not consent and Mr. Ho, above-mentioned, with great ability effected a fairly satisfactory compromise.

In anticipation of trouble at Swatow, the British Consul gave authority for the ship to sail direct for Hong Kong, which was fortunate, as the Kuomintang representatives at Amoy subsequently telegraphed orders to arrest the Spanish missionaries as soon as the ship arrived there.

Spanish Missionary Huddled. A Spanish missionary belonging to the local mission was hustled by the mob and had to take refuge in the Chinese Police Station on the Amoy side. The Fathers and Sisters in the Spanish Mission also on the Amoy side were driven out by the mob and took refuge on the American s.s. *Consuelo*, which was then in port.

The Chinese Police paraded the ten children from the ship through the streets on the Amoy side with a placard reported as bearing the inscription:—Orphans rescued from the Spanish Missionaries by the Police. This wording may be intended to show the students that the Police are quite capable of taking the necessary steps without the help of the students, and not really be directed against the foreigners as it might appear.

Malicious Propaganda Countered. Dead babies wrapped in foreign newspapers were planted on the foreshore of Kulangan, doubtless to give the impression that they were orphans from Foochow thrown overboard from the *Haiching*

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Capt. Cheng Yang Fat, from

Autan, with a general cargo,

lying at Luen Cheong Wharf.

—Fook Hoi S.S. Co.

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Capt. W. Palmer Baker, from

Tientsin, Shanghai and Swatow,

with a general cargo, lying at

buoy No. C33—Jardine, Mathe-

son & Co.

Yaon, Chinese str., 681 tons, Capt.

L. Jack, from Hoihow and

Canton, lying at buoy No. C43.

—Canton, Shanghai S.S. Co.

Teijun Maru, Japanese str., 1,394

tons, Capt. R. Fukuhara, from

Canton, lying at buoy No. C44.

—M.B.K.

January 29th.

Celebes Maru, Japanese str., 4,258

tons, Capt. S. Takaya, from

Moji, which port she left on

January 28th, with a general

cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.

—O.S.K.

Chuan, British str., 1,355 tons,

Capt. T. G. Beer, from Canton,

with a general cargo, lying at

buoy No. B6—B. & S.

Chung Hing, Chinese str., 249 tons,

Capt. Leung Sau Kong, from

Kwang Chow Wan, with a general

cargo, lying at buoy No. C17—

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Kwayo Maru, Japanese str., 3,477

tons, Capt. T. Yoshitake, from

Calcutta and Singapore. The

former port she left on January

19th, with gunnies and cement,

lying at Kowloon Wharf.

—N.Y.K.

Nitanga Maru, Japanese str., 1,254

tons, Capt. H. Ishikawa, from

Canton, lying at buoy No. C40.

—Sato & Co.

Paling Maru, Japanese str., 1,696

tons, Capt. R. Nagayama, from

Canton, with a general cargo,

lying at buoy No. C42—N.Y.K.

Phraung, Chinese str., 1,022 tons,

Capt. O. V. Prasanna, from

Swatow, with a general cargo,

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Sunka Maru, Japanese str., 1,508

tons, Capt. A. Saito, from Kee-

lung, with a cargo of coal, lying

at buoy No. B63—M.B.K.

Vulcanus, Dutch str., 707 tons,

Capt. J. de Klerk, from Canton,

lying at Taikoktsui—

A.P.C.

Waishing, British str., 1,170 tons,

Capt. J. A. Lindsay, from Can-

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Capt. A. E. Murray, from

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SATURDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

BRITISH ENTRIES DECREASED.

SMALL CARGOES CARRIED.

The statements for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Saturday showed only two British arrivals, and only 800 tons of general cargo for the Colony, carried by one vessel. There was no through freight registered on British vessels.

Local imports of general merchandise amounted to 8,858 tons. The two best returns were on the s.s. *Derawongse* (German) which carried 1,800 tons from Saigon, and the Norwegian steamer *Hiraga* had 1,700 tons from Bangkok.

Although through cargoes were manifested on 6 vessels out of the 14 arrivals, the tonnage carried were rather heavy.

The three best returns were 8,035 tons on the s.s. *Kitana* from Rotterdam and Singapore, the *Batavia* from Surabaya and Tawao carried 3,900 tons and the *Tottori* from Nagoya registered 3,080 tons.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were: British, 3 arrivals and 6 departures; Japanese, 5 arrivals and 1 departure; Chinese, 5 arrivals and 1 departure; Dutch, 1 arrival and 1 departure; French, 1 departure; German, 1 arrival.

Vessels in port totalled 63, of which, 53 were British.

SHIPPING NOTES.

The total number of deck passengers entering Hong Kong during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Saturday was 298.

The master of the river steamer *Sunning* has reported the presence of a sunken object in the bed of the West River where the Kere Channel turns into the Yellow Beach, just below junction bend. The position on the chart is due south of Yung Ki.

Masters of vessels are reminded by a Harbour Office Notification that gun practice will take place during February and March as per schedule previously published.

The s.s. *Resolute* whose round-the-world cruise, was recently described in our columns belongs to the Hamburg-America Line, Hamburg. The cruise will take place under the management of that company whose agents in New York are the United American Lines, Inc. The local agents for the *Resolute* are Messrs. Jensen & Co.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The Blue Funnel Line's s.s. *Ningchow* and s.s. *Kecumen* arrived at Peking and New York on January 30th and January 29th respectively.

The P. & O. Co.'s s.s. *Devanha* left Shanghai for this port on the 28th, and is due here to-day.

The B.I. s.s. *Talamba* will leave for Singapore, Penang and Calcutta on Tuesday, February 1st, at 3 p.m.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Achilles (Blue Funnel), due Feb. 3rd.
Adrastus (Blue Funnel), due Feb. 12th.
D'Artagnan, due to-morrow.
Delta (Swedish East Asiatic), due Mar. 2nd.
Ventor (Blue Funnel), due Feb. 5th.
Meriones (Blue Funnel), due Feb. 16th.
Nanking (Swedish East Asiatic), due Monday.
Patroclus (Blue Funnel), due Feb. 3rd.
Talamba (B.I. & Appear), due to-day.
Tanda, due February 7th.

STORM SIGNALS.

SUPPLEMENTARY WARNINGS.

The Director of the Royal Observatory notifies in the *Government Gazette* that from March 1st, the supplementary warnings of the Hong Kong Storm Signal Code (Local) will be amended as follows:—

When Local Signals are displayed in the Harbour, signals will be displayed as follows:—

When No. 1 Signal is displayed in the Harbour:—

Red T by day.

2 Red Lights vertically by night.

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HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, Jan. 30th.
Previous On Date On Date
Day at at at
at 2 p.m. 6 a.m. 1 p.m.

Barometer...	30.35	30.29	30.28
Temperature...	59	54	59
Humidity...	84	78	63
Wind...	ESE	ESE	ESE
Force...	3	4	4
Weather...	B	B	B
Rain...	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 27th: 60
Lowest open-air Temperature, 24th: 53

B-Blue sky; C-Cloudy; D-Drizzle; F-Fog; L-Lightning; M-Mist; O-Overcast; P-Passing showers; Q-Squalls; R-Rain; T-Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From January 31st, 1927.

High Water.	Low Water.
Day of Week.	Date of Month.
Mon.	31
h. m.	h. m.
8 36	4 1
7 36	0 46

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Steamers.	Sailings from Marseilles.	Arr. at Hong Kong & sailings for Shanghai and Japan.	Sailings from Hong Kong for Marseilles.
L'ARTAGNAN	1st Feb.
SEHINX	15th Feb.
ANGKOR	31st Dec.	1st Feb.	1st Mar.
PORTHOS	16th Jan.	16th Feb.	15th Mar.
PAUL LECAT	28th Jan.	2nd Mar.	29th Mar.
G. METZINGER	11th Feb.	18th Mar.	12th April

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"MURSA"	10,915	5th Feb., Noon	Marseilles and London.
"KILDERPORE"	5,384	15th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
"DELTA"	8,097	15th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
"KALYAN"	9,144	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & B'bay
"NELLORE"	6,553	2nd March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
"MANTUA"	10,922	3th March	Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	8,000	12th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & B'bay
"NAGPORE"	5,283	14th March	Saigon, Marseilles, London, Antwerp, Hamburg & Rotterdam.
"NYANZA"	7,023	16th March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	19th March	Marseilles & London.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles and London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	9th April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp, B'bay & Hull.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	15th April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp, S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
"DELTA"	8,097	17th April	Marseilles and London.
"MALWA"	10,920	30th April	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
"NELLORE"	6,553	11th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KHYBER"	9,114	14th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
"NYANZA"	7,023	25th May	Marseilles and London.
"MURSA"	10,915	25th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KASHGAR"	8,000	11th June	Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,922	30th June	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	9,144	9th July	Marseilles and London.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	23rd July	Marseilles and London.

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"TALAMBA"	8,500	1st Feb., 3 p.m.	Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.
"TILAWA"	10,000	11th Feb.	do.
"TALMA"	10,000	18th Feb.	do.
"SHIRALA"	7,841	1st March	do.
"GAMBHIRA"	5,257	8th March	do.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (SOUTH)

"TANDA"	5,355	4th Mar.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	1st April	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	2nd April	do.
"TANDA"	5,355	2nd June	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	1st July	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	25th July	do.

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The New Zealand Shipping Co.'s Steamers for Southampton and London via Panama Canal.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

"MANTUA"	10,922	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"NELLORE"	6,553	8th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SHIRALA"	7,841	9th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TANDA"	5,355	9th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
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"TAKIWA"	10,000	12th Feb.	Kobe.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	18th Feb.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"GAMBHIRA"	5,257	18th Feb.	Kobe.
"NYANZA"	7,023	19th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	4th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	6th March	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
"KHYBER"	9,114	11th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	18th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"LAHORE"	5,258	27th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,920	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DELTA"	8,097	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	5th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
"PERIM"	7,848	12th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"NELLORE"	6,553	16th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KHYBER"	9,114	16th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"NYANZA"	7,023	20th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MOBEA"	10,955	29th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.

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